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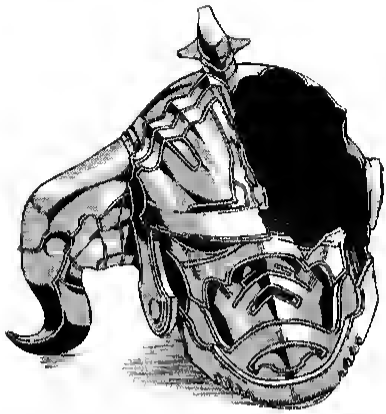

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Chapter 16: Counterattack

punish-able by death
Such a thing would be
How dare you-!!
But with-out proof of her claim, it would only upset the people's hearts
Certainly, Lord Vayne would like the coop-eration of the former Royal Family
Wait.
Ku ku
There is proof

His Majesty ordered me to deliver it, should the worst occur
The late King Raminas gave me the evidence!
You're the one who killed my father!!
You lie!!
Basch!!
I see, so you can prove the validity of her lineage
I can
The treasure of King Raith-wall—
It can prove the identity of Her High-ness
A treasure handed down through the Royal Family

The Dusk Shard
Basch, you–!!
Do you mean for me to live in disgrace?!
I see...
Indeed
Ho ho-
Well, it wouldn't do to show Royalty any discourtesy

If that is your duty
Just cut it out, would you? I don't want to get executed together with you!
Quiet!
You don't know a single thing about me!
If you did, you wouldn't ask such things of me-

!?
These are their belongings, sir
What is that?

Oh
Oooo
Ooh-
Oooh-
Ooh
Vaan, where did you...
Eh? Oh . The Royal Palace-
That can't be.
Ku ku ku-

This is excellent! I was prepared to parley, but
But here it is, the Dusk Shard!
This is wonderful!
Take them away
Hey! You don't need to hit me, I'm going!
Keep Her Highness in a separate room

It's still shining. It seems to be reacting to that girl's feelings
Why does Vayne Solidor want such a thing?
The Dusk Shard
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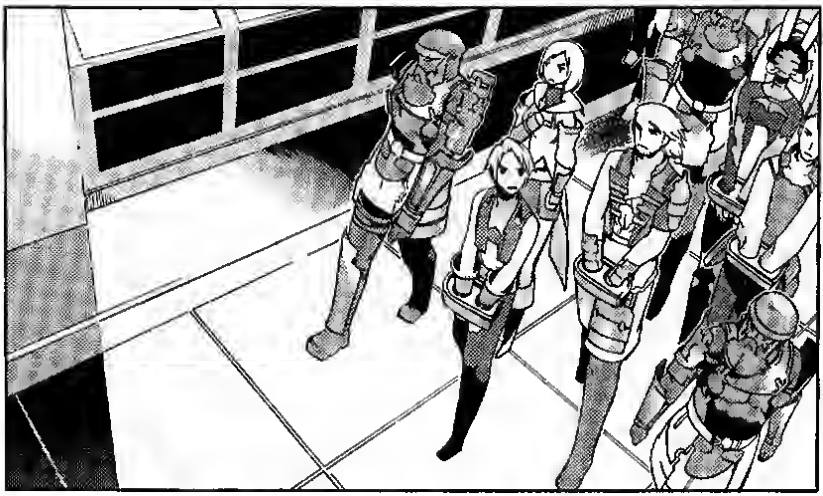
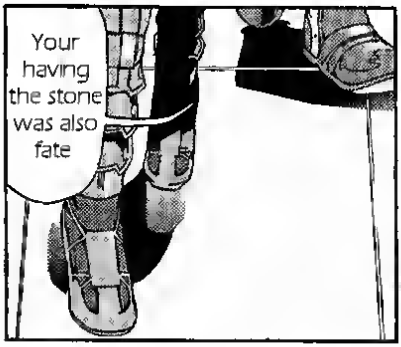
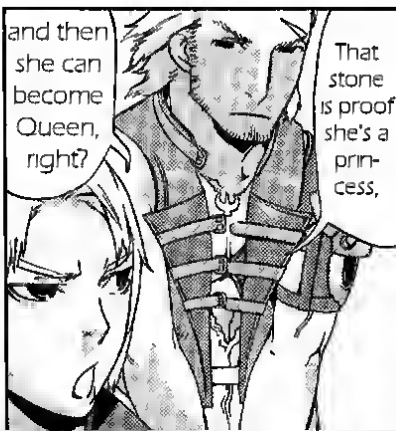



Your having the stone was also fate


and then she can become Queen, right?
That stone is proof she's a prin-cess,

Be quiet and walk!
Was dragging me into this 'fate' as well?
Stealing from the palace
I do. I wasn't lying about that.
But,
With this many soldiers there's no way you can do what you came to do, much less save Penelo
Do you have some kind of plan?

When I abandoned my homeland,
Up until now I've always fought as part of a small military force
And when Dalmasca was destroyed
.....
I remember
In a small village in a valley to the west...
There was an incident, an attack by the Urtan-Yensa clan...
Back then, too...
Not long after I joined the Dalmascan military
It was around ten years ago...

It was hell.
Tch- this is no time for reminiscing
Hmph-
We had no intelligence on the barbarians of the desert, the Urtan-Yesna.
By the time our forces arrived to rescue the villagers...
We couldn't find the women and children, and most of the villagers had been killed

There was 3 of us. We had military training, but we were only 3
Against hundreds of Urtan-Yensa, there was no way we could survive
Even so, we had to get as many villagers out as we could
We had to hold our ground
I was full of the righteous indignation of youth, and my judgement may have been impared by it.
If I could die with honour, I would die happy
Rather, it was my only wish.
In the end, covered with wounds,
I wasn't able to move a finger
If our reinforcements didn't arrive in time,
We wouldn't be able to save anyone.

Com-
pared
to back
then,
right
now,
doesn't
seem so
bad
As it's your
mission,
that's
expected,
Lord
Captain
I'm rather
sick and
tired of the
whole
affair,
myself
And I
certainly
don't want to
spend the
rest of my life
bowing to
these ugly
mugs
Ah~ Gross, gross
I tho-
ught
I told
you to
shut
up–
YOU-

What the—

Damn-
There's
no end
to them

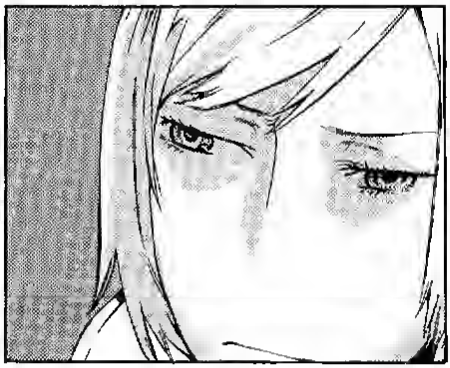
You're...
But why?!
Did that Judge just

Did that Judge just
But why?!

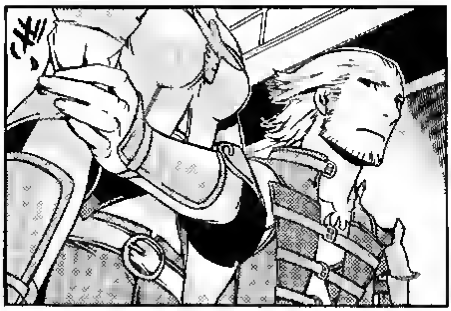
You're...

Is this the Marquis' doing?
Vossler?!
I alone have kept Her Highness safe and hidden.
It's been two years since Dalmasca fell.
'Are they allies, or enemies?' Until now I did not know who to trust.
Even you, who I'd thought was an ally...
When His Majesty was
Since then, I

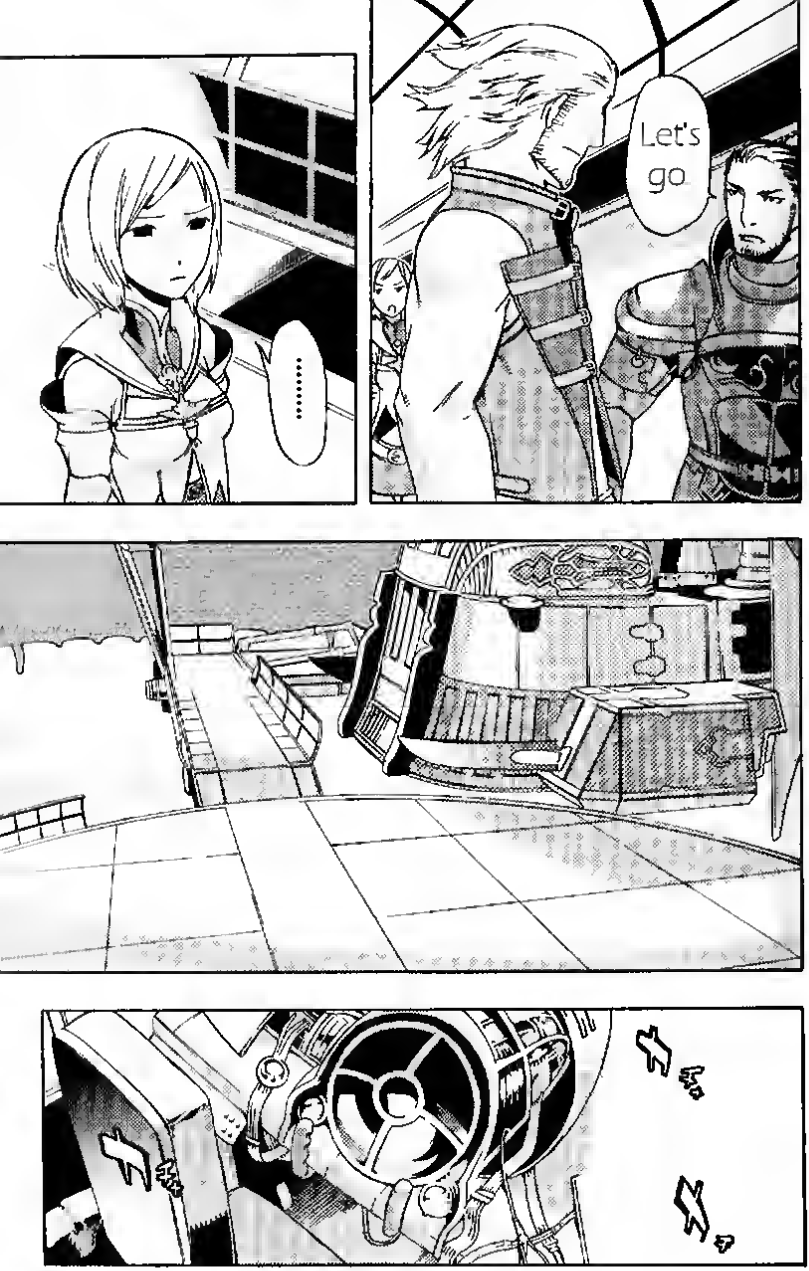
It must have been difficult. It was on my side, too
How-ever...
Of course
To save Her High-ness, would you
Would you lend me your aid?
Wait, Voss-ler!!
You cannot possibly mean for this traitor—
High-ness



We need Basch's power
But-
The decision's been made



This way, we've found an airship!
Hurry, or we're going to get caught!
What are you doing?!


Let's go
.....

Even if you say that, I only have two hands If you want to get out of here, just be quiet and wait
Hurry it up, they're coming!
I'm going to hold off our pursuers
Basch? Where are you going?
Vossler, I'll also–
I'm not "Boy"!
I'll join you Boy, you come too

No, Highness, please wait here We will protect the ship.
.....
Her High-ness.

?
Her Highness cannot forgive her own helplessness
How-ever,
She has no choice but to accept reality,
.....
Ah-

Vaan!!
I'm sorry You're safe now
...Penelo

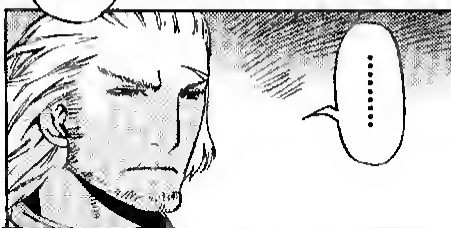
Even knowing who we are, why are you helping us escape?
Hmph We can only leave once that pirate is ready

It's only a matter of time until Judge Ghis notices your absence Please hurry

You...
And Princess Ashe...

That the two of you are still alive—
It's aggravating the distortion in the Empire

You shouldn't be
You're supposed to be dead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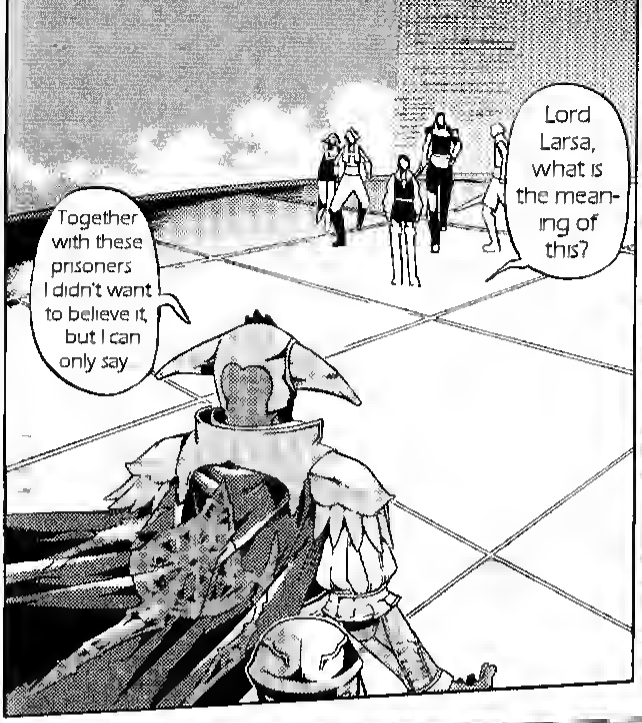
I don't believe so
However,
Is it Vayne?
Distortion
I wish to protect the Empire from that distortion
There is a distortion And if you continue to move, I'm certain that it will come to light
That's all.
And besides, I promised you, didn't I?

You took me to the Magicite
Smile
I promised to repay you
I am sorry about that.
Ak-
Thanks, "Lamont"
And, Miss Penelo, here
ゴッ
A charm, to protect you
ゴッ
This is
Manufacted Nethicite?!

Is this really okay Larsa? Isn't this important to you?
I'm sorry. It's not that.
Gasp-
Judge Ghis?! Damn, I didn't expect him this soon-


Lord Larsa, what is the meaning of this?
Together with these prisoners I didn't want to believe it, but I can only say

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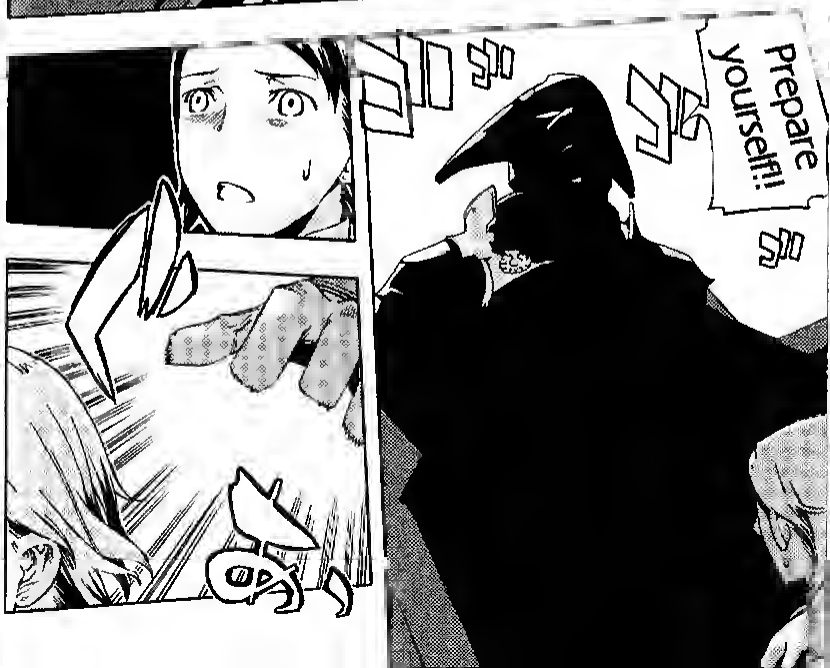

Prepare yourself!!

Come any closer, and the boy dies!!
What are you doing?
!?
Lord Larsa, like the entire Soldor family knows what it is to be born to the Empire.
It's useless, Captain

Those who have no power, and disobey the law, will be sentenced to death!
That is Arcadia's way!!
B-but, Judge Ghis...
Hmph Coward
Watch well This is—

The embodiment of Imperial law—
The power of a Judge!!

!?
!...Impossible! How?!
What...?
That's ....
The power of the Nethicite ?

.....
Ngun

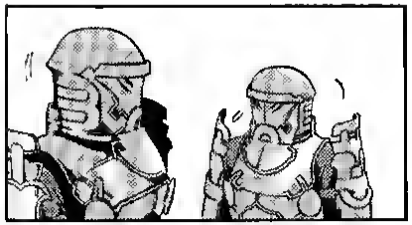
That I, Judge Ghis, could be bested by a mere Dalmascan ...!
Kh...!

We're out of time Let's fly!
HEY, YOU LOT, GET ON!
Y-
YOU BASTAARDS!
YOU THINK I'D LET YOU GET AWAY?!

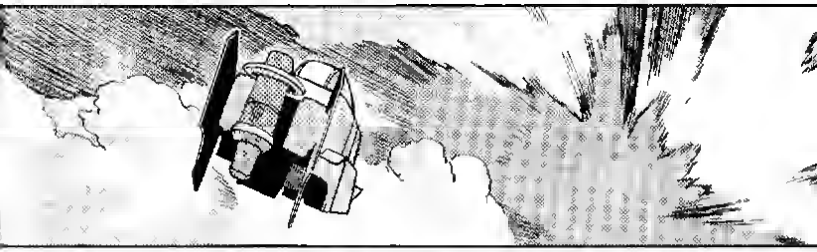
This cannot be...
Th-

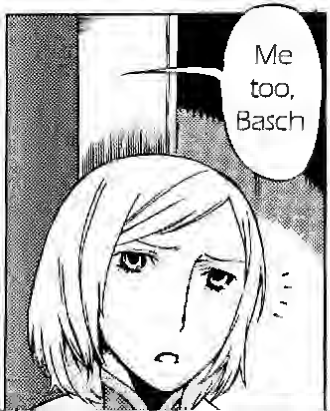
Im... Impo-ssible...
For... For a Judge such as myself to....
This is...
Im-poss-ible...

Judge Ghis, should we ready pursuit? Judge Ghis ?
That won't be necessary
But the princess is getting away
.....
That airship
Those people have no proof of their status, they were only prisoners
Isn't that right? Judge Ghis
lost
Besides the honorable Eighth Fleet should not be chasing down measly pirates
I trust this won't be reported?
Uh



If you'd be so kind
The fact that I was their hostage, as well
Sshh—



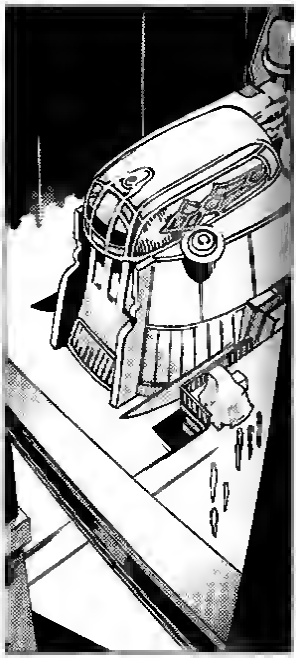

Me too, Basch

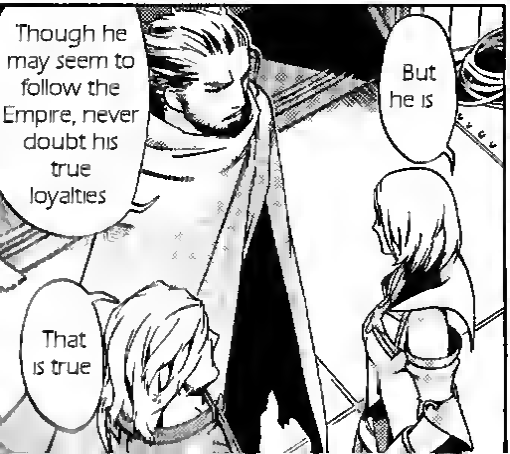
the incident with the Yensa, from ten years ago...
I, too, remember...
When it passed... only the very young and the very old were left.
When the Yensa surged forth my fellow troops were wiped out.
If I'd only thought...
I was young, and proud
I cursed them, and their unreliability
As to be expected, they fled...

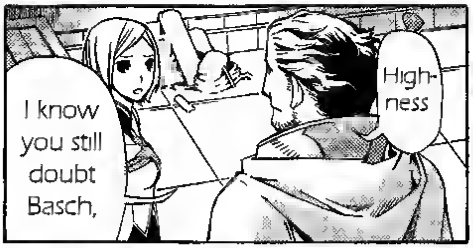
Voss-
ler
Would that I had known of such things
Friend-
ship
and
trust
The Marquis and I.. will believe in you once again
When we've returned to Bhujerba, I will formally ask for your aid.
.....

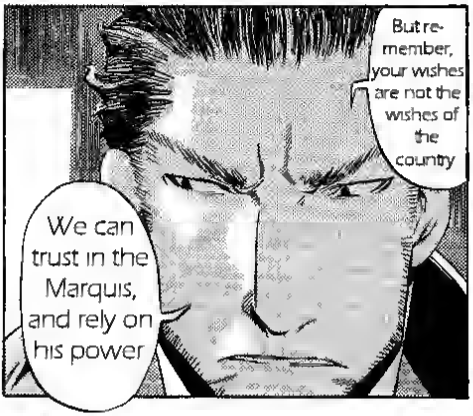
Chapter 17: Downfall

I'm to meet with Marquis Ondore?
I'm honoured
I washed it for you.




Though he may seem to follow the Empire, never doubt his true loyalties
But he is
That is true

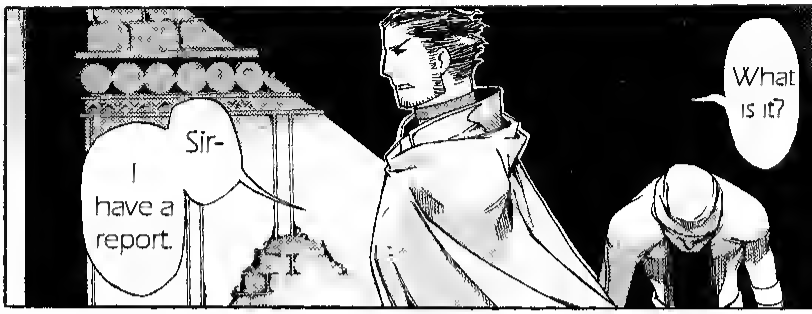

I know you still doubt Basch,
High-ness


We can trust in the Marquis, and rely on his power
But re-member, your wishes are not the wishes of the country

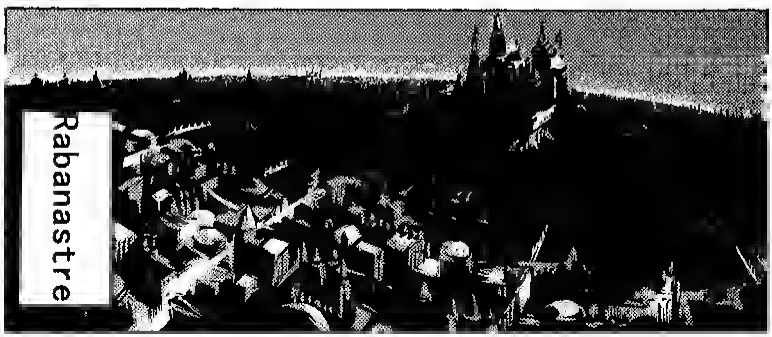
It's thanks to his advice Your Highness survived
.....

Right now?
I will return to Dal-masca
Our power is not yet enough to regain the kingdom
How-ever—

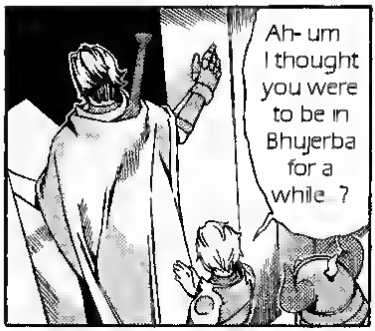
.....
I understand I'll leave it to you
It should be possible
But if we unify the Liberation with the Bhujerban forces,
Understood
Basch, while I'm gone, I'll leave Her Highness to you Bhujerba should be safe

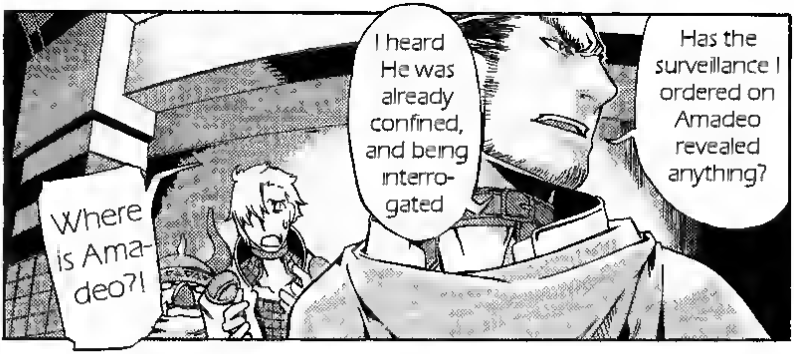

What is it?
Sir- I have a report.

It's about Amadeo


Rabanastre

The Captain still doesn't
No, it's still being kept secret
Alright Then, when four-eyes gets back, we'll quietly—
C-
Captain?!


Ah- um I thought you were to be in Bhujerba for a while...?


Where is Amadeo?!
I heard He was already confined, and being interrogated
Has the surveillance I ordered on Amadeo revealed anything?

The back room

Th...
It leaked to the Captain?! There's no information control

Captain
Your sword
I'll... look after it.
Of course
.....
You all stay here.
I want to...
speak with Amadeo alone

Cap-
tain!!
Ah,
um-
Y-
you-
You've
got it
wrong!
あわわ
I-I
wouldn't
b-betray

P-
please
believe
meeee.
For-
give
me.
Ama-
deo

During the incident with the Yensa ten years ago, Basch and I were rescued by a man.
An elderly soldier... showed us how to survive on the battlefield.
!?
?
I'd forgot- ten
I must repay the debt that I owe you
That's right.
D-does that mean that...
I've always thought that, since becoming captain
I would like to repay him someday
And I'm grate- ful

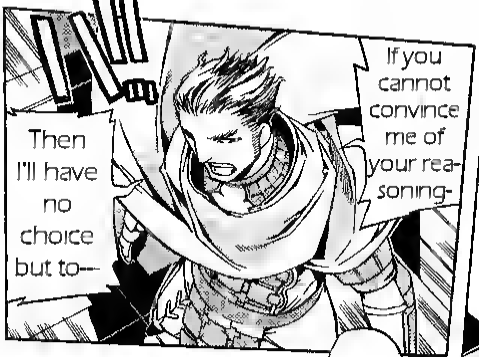
He was your father, Amadeo
How I choose
to repay him
What he did for Basch and me,
I want to do for you I believe you can become a proper man That's-
チャ

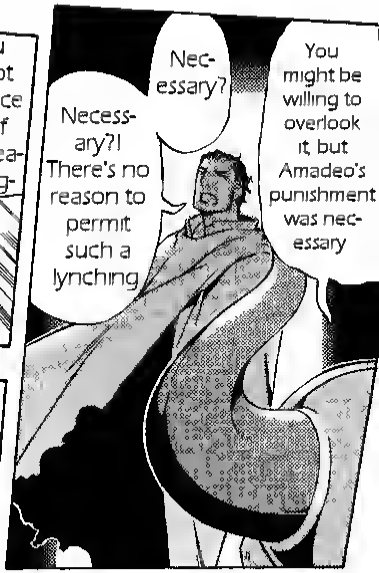
Stop crying, Amadeo.
And tell me the truth.
Y-you're wrong.
T-they were taken,
S-sir
I'm certain you can be helpful
And you can once again be a fixture in the Liberation
And because of that they captured me-
But the internal documents-
I-I-
I'm not the one who took them..!

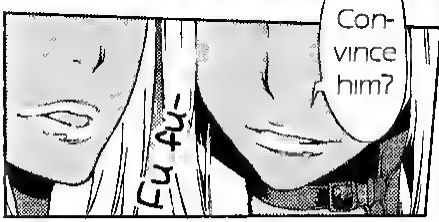
The Captain returned?!
Why didn't you stop him?!
Stop him? And what would I have said?
He knows we captured Amadeo, so we couldn't exactly feign ignorance
? What are you talking about, who told him?
We should have shut down all lines of information to the Captain, but...
But for now, Amadeo is—
Could there is a spy among us?
That's not poss-ible
Then what?
It's probably... Yes that's it
There are those who may still have use for Amadeo
Though for what, I don't know

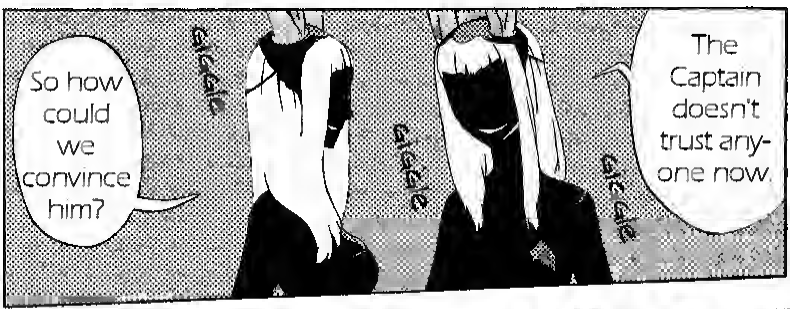
And what is it you intend to do?
Why don't you tell me, in detail.
When the Empire killed Donny, they threatened Amadeo
But he says he's reformed now and has no more ties to the Empire
C-Captain! That's
You detained Amadeo because of the information leak.

Do you really trust him, Captain?
……
There's no mistake about that.
But you're the one who leaked it.
I want to believe in him.
He'll betray himself eventually.
Captain—
This is the worst case scenario Amadeo's pulled something over on the Captain
……


If you cannot convince me of your reasoning-
Then I'll have no choice but to---


You might be willing to overlook it, but Amadeo's punishment was necessary
Necessary?
Necessary?! There's no reason to permit such a lynching


Convince him?
Cu Au-


So how could we convince him?
The Captain doesn't trust anyone now.
Gicgic
Gicgic
Gicgic

We should just take a vote~
So even if we do convince you, it looks like a certain someone will be relieved of responsibility
Be quiet, you two!!
I'm with them. I think we should all have a say
...I agree. We should discuss it more.
For what reason?
Then, what's the reason we fight?
Reason...?
はん

For starters, so we can sleep in peace.
If we're being greedy, then for good food, too.

For the smiles or her people.

For the stability...
of Dalmasca...

All of us are fighting for the sake of a country where commoners can live in peace
That's right

Rather than standing idly by while war expands around us—
For a modest, peaceful life.
For example—

Even if it were as a vassal state
We were fighting for that kind of life
What...
are you saying
We...

...think we should submit to the Empire's rule
Vayne Solidor's different from his predecessor He's politically competent
He hasn't been in office long, but people's lives have been stable
We want to stop fighting
That's what we're saying

Those who hinder peace.
We've already spoken to Vayne
We're pre-pared
Don't you get it? You were born in an age of warriors... but to serve the country, you can only submit!
Stop fight-ing the Empire
and submit to Vayne's rule?!
Even if it's you, should prepare to be defeated!
That's
That's not some-thing I can do!
That's-

Then what was the point?!
If you aren't resolved,
They've warped your beliefs!
These past two years
Have weighed on our hearts
We're not lost any-more!
You've lost your way!!
But don't dance in the palm of Vayne Solidor's hand!!
I don't want to kill you—
Stop!

Kill me?
Don't make me laugh. What can you do, empty-handed against the six of us?
Oh, I guess you don't need to answer
Since you're already d—
!?
Nicola Alta, born in Rabanastre. I know you—
I know you very well.
Look—

Have a good look
at yourself.
.....
Huh...?

There's no mistake the Captain is the one who was attacked but then why ?
Impossible...!!
Magic?
But there can't be such a technique
So then who killed the one who fell?
There's no time to think, he's already got one of us!
Numbers are only an advantage if you do not waver!!
Wait, don't-

I know...
I know about you...
?

If he's using magic, then you Viera should be able to detect the disturbance in the Mist!!
Twins! The Mist?!
If he used it for even a moment, we should be able to see a tiny flux....!!
Such delicate control....
N-no, I can't see it!
I-I don't know!!
There's no way a hume could....
You still haven't
Captain!!
You may not
the Empire
intend to follow
But
told me why!

For more intense battles
For stronger opponents
As a warrior I follow my desires!!
I will ...
The captain ...and Vayne ...
Defeat you!!!

Well-
done

Twins, Dispel!
Undo this magi—
ゴッ

Nooooo-!!
As I thought! He tried to stop the Dispel. Quickly, finish it now!
And now-

No
Could it be it isn't magic... and so there's no need to dodge, since it wasn't dispelled?
But it is possible.
It shouldn't be a technique I can catch visually.
Why...
.....?
Why...!!
Why isn't he moving?

Could it be I'm over-thinking it?
Could it be that, rather than magic or a special technique, this is something more basic?
Ha-
Hahaha- I can do it! I can kill him! I was think-ing too much
It was magic, after all

The Balance of the mind!!

I mis-understood

Was I wrong? Yes...

But it wasn't the only threat.

This person's trump Inflicting his own wounds on his opponents The Time Magic "Balance"

What's going on? Fear, anxiety, suspicion

It stimulates unrest!!

The problem was psycho-ological.

Certainly, watching Nicola die like that would have slowed our swords

This magic doesn't attack the body so much as it attacks

Just once was enough

We witnessed the power of that magic,
And so I used Dispel
There's no way I could have.
Trying to hurt him like that...
But my sword was affected by fear.

These past two years, I...
For this sort of thing, I...
Wh...
Why did it come to this...?
I wasn't fighting for this!!
I—!!

Stop, Amadeo
These
These are our comrades
The comrades we fought beside for two years
Wh
Com-rades ....?

W-wrong You're wrong
They're traitors.
I-I hated them
B-be-cause
T-they under-estimated me and I was jealous
But finally,
It's j-just like Lord Ghis told me
V-Vayne said it, too Traitors..

Then, all this... When you were captured,
It wasn't just that you'd gotten on their bad side
You should just die!
Y-you're the same as my dad
I-I hate
y-you, too

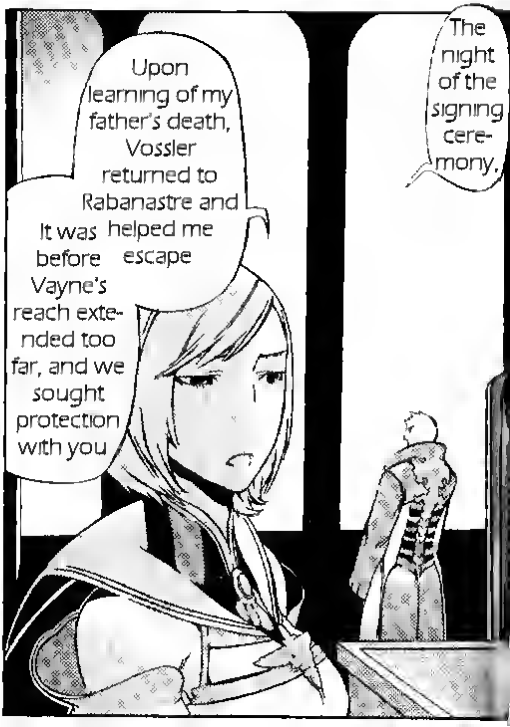
Some-one—! The Captain's gone maaaad!
S-
So there was a struggle even amongst traitors!
H-He killed the leaders!
Amadeo!!
E-Eeeeek! He's gonna kill mee!
What the hell...
Cap-tain
Wait. I can explain
Sure, but that explan-ation

!!
You're wrong!
Vayne had gotten to him too.
C-captain, what in the world are you
.....
Th-the Captain
is a traitor to Dalmasca!

Is an enemy of Dal-mascaaa!
I-it was all be-cause of this dog of the Empire!
The failure of Vayne assassin-ation, the c-culmina-tion of these two years,
Captain Azelas-
Amadeo, you bastard...
You-

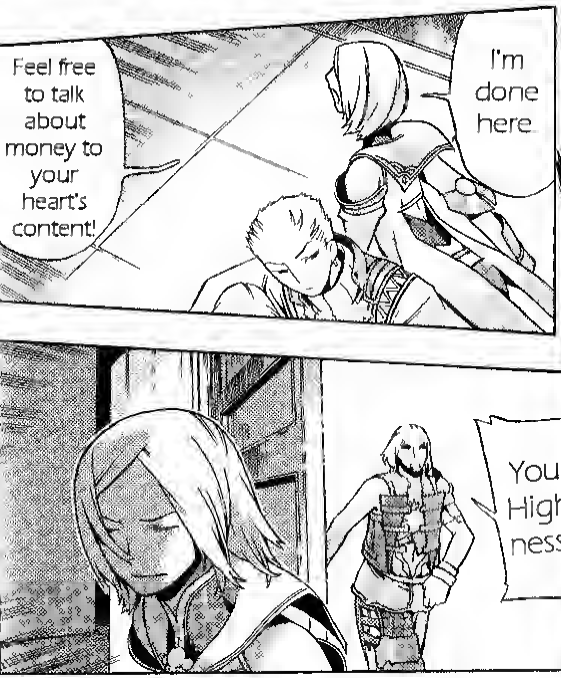
No one.
It's over, Captain.
No one will listen to what you have to say.
It's getting kinda noisy...
What?

Chapter 18: Transient

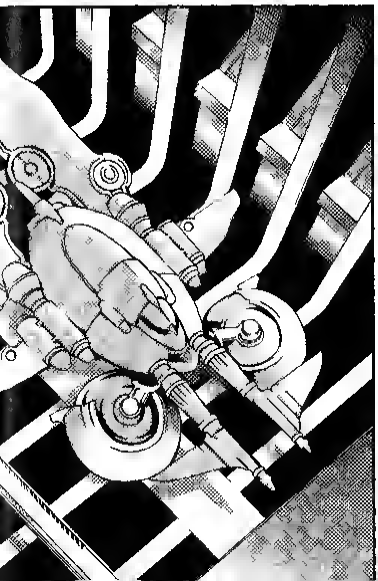

The night of the signing ceremony,
Upon learning of my father's death, Vossler returned to Rabanastre and helped me escape
It was before Vayne's reach extended too far, and we sought protection with you

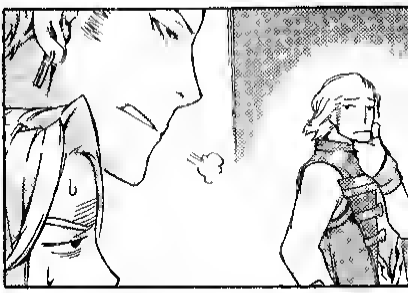
Now I see he aimed to divide us
Back then, I could not understand his intent, but I was forced to accept it.
The announcement was Vayne's suggestion
But that is done now!
Lend me your power, and together, we can defeat Vayne
I will offer you all the protection this country can offer
However
Uncle!

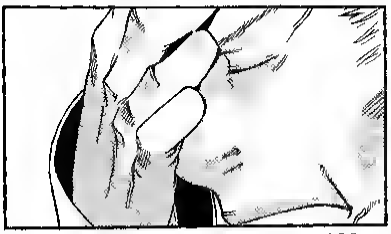
Not to mention the Grand Kiltias of Bur-Omisace will not recognize you as heir to the throne
That's
Claiming to be the dead princess, the nobility will not accept you without proof
Even if we defeat Vayne the only proof of your lineage the Dusk Shard has been stolen
Well, this political talk
seems to be getting a bit harsh for my taste
Vaan let's head into the next room, see if we can grab a bite
I wanted to discuss the renumeration for rescuing the princess with the Marquis, but, well
Getting involved any further in such a troublesome story would be annoying


Feel free to talk about money to your heart's content!
I'm done here.

Your High-ness!!



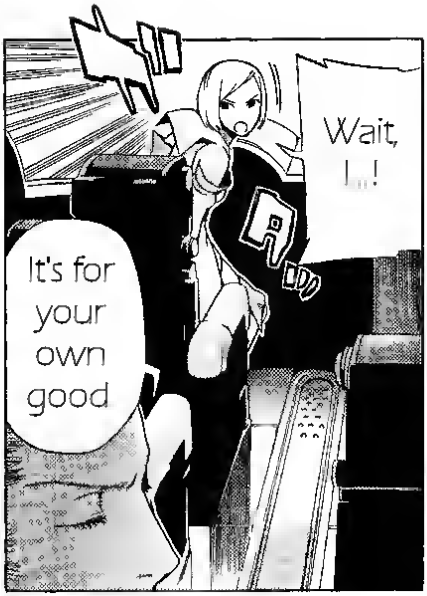




Hey, what are you doing?!
This is Bathic's ship, you know!!
I'll return it afterwards
W-what the heck is that?
The Dynast King left behind three treasures one of which is necessary to prove one's right to the throne
I know it's location
I'm going to retrieve the other proof of my lineage, the Dawn Shard!!

I'm prepared to fight alone, if I must!!
For the sake of all those who have died
I cannot do nothing
I...
And yet, my uncle would have me hide
Only because it kills you to ask for help
I'm leaving you with the Marquis
...
You..

Curse your own powerlessness
I understand it's vexing but there's nothing you can do
Besides,


Wait, I...!
It's for your own good

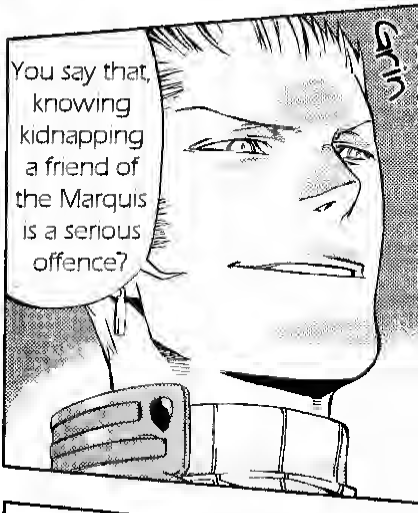
Following such immature ideals such as yours,
What is there for a Sky Pirate like me?

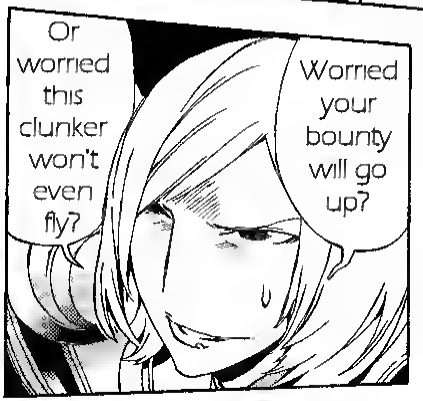
The Dawn Shard...

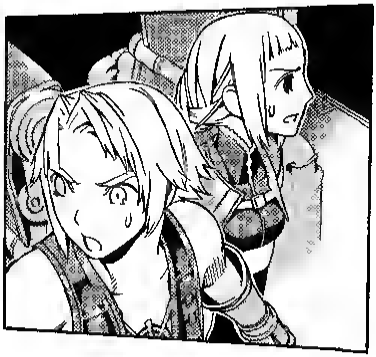
?
Raith-wall? That's..
Is in Raith-wall's Tomb
Ah, him, of course I knew that
The founder of Dalmasca, the Dynast King, Raithwall
Unex-plored lands
Ancient treas-ures
I see As a sky pirate, I can't deny it's tempting
It's tempting, but
Then!

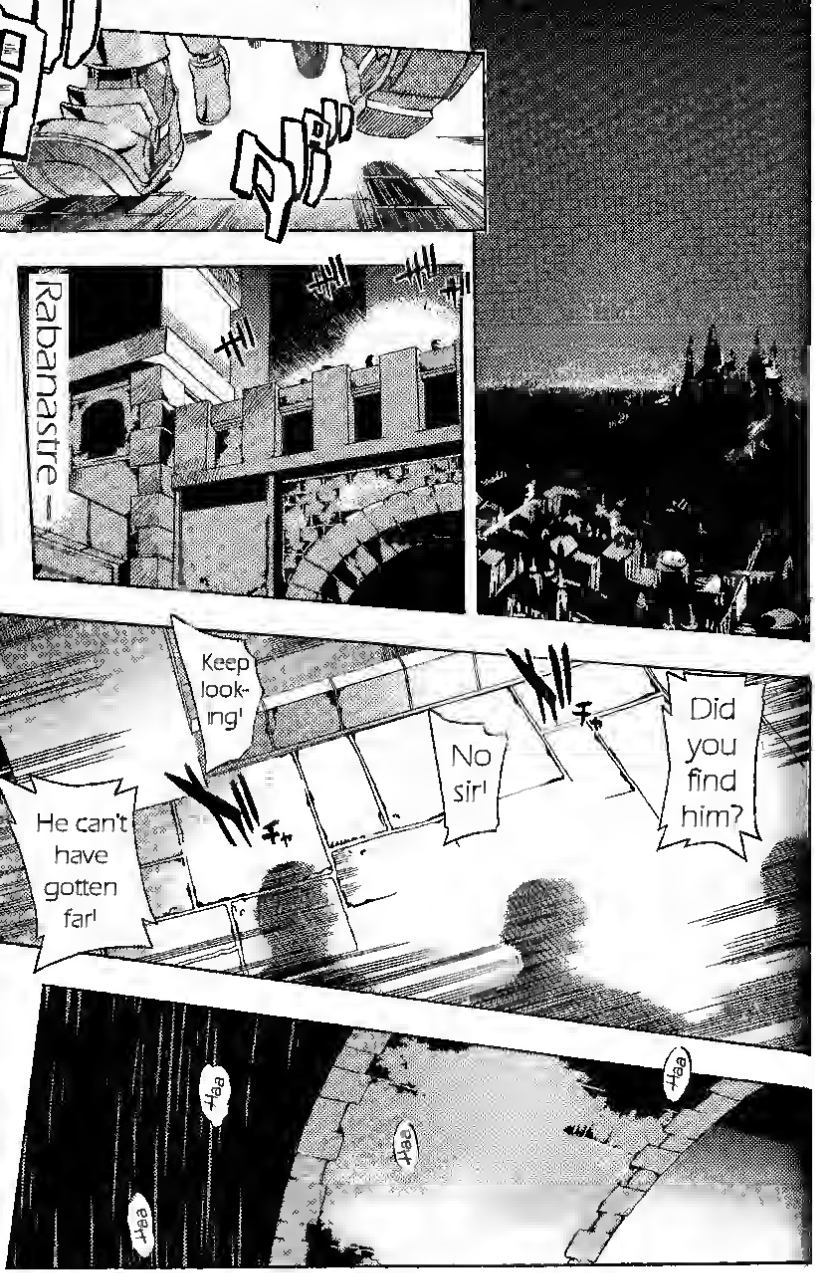
If taking me is impossible,
Then kidnap me, as a sky pirate would
Please steal me!!
Take me from here!!

Sigh...


Cris
You say that, knowing kidnapping a friend of the Marquis is a serious offence?


Or worried this clunker won't even fly?
Worried your bounty will go up?




Rabanastre—
Keep look-ing!
No sir!
Did you find him?
He can't have gotten far!
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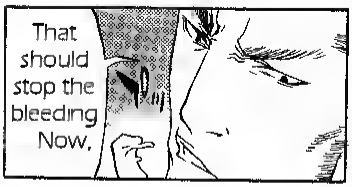
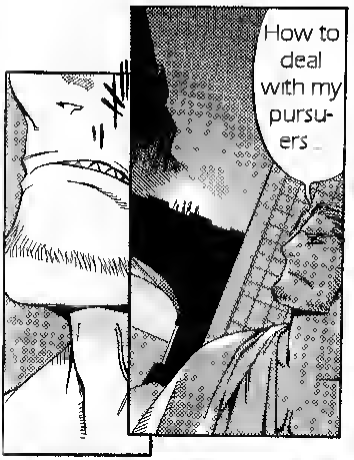
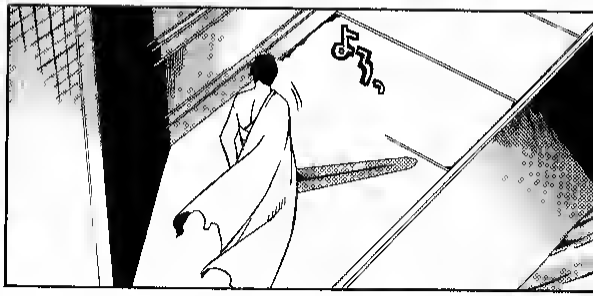
beat
beat
beat


That should stop the bleeding. Now.

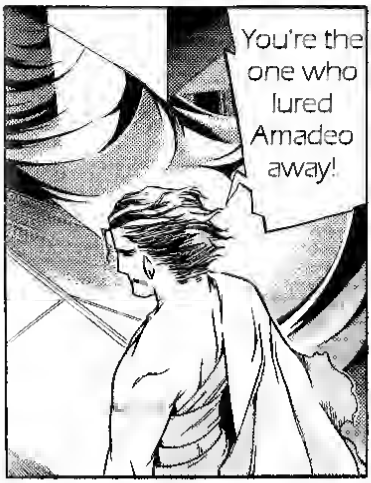

How to deal with my pursuers...

Pursuers.....
Huh.

What a ridiculous tale.

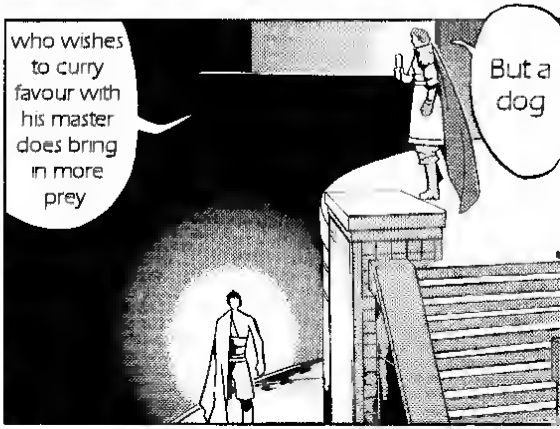


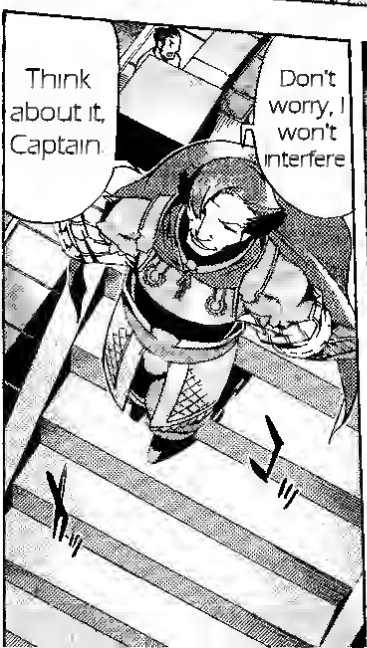
Be quiet, Judge.
It seems everytime I see you,
You're covered in wounds
It must be quite a burden, to constantly be in such a state

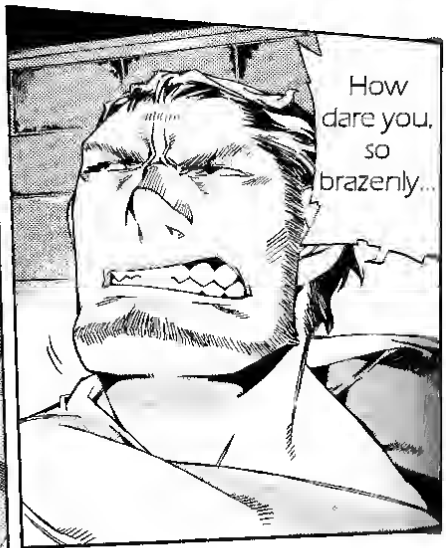

You're the one who lured Amadeo away!

Ku ku ku

It wasn't all my doing.
Well,


who wishes to curry favour with his master does bring in more prey
But a dog


Think about it, Captain.
Don't worry, I won't interfere

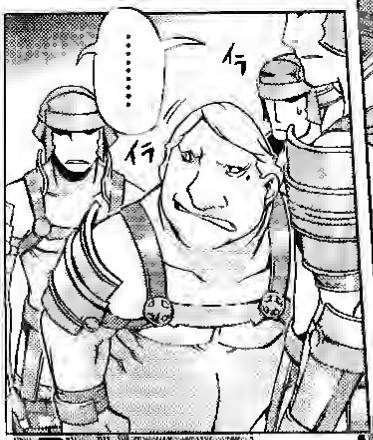

How dare you, so brazenly...

You're a broken man, Vossler Azelas
Rather than seek your own glory you've only ever sought the revival of your country
Just spit out whatever it is you want.
I'm proposing a deal
How about I help you achieve your long-held wish of Dalmasca's revival?

The Rebe-
the Lib-
eration is
in a sorry
state right
now
But with
my help
restoring
the monar-
chy will no
longer be
a pipe
dream
There-
fore,
Just a
small thing
Bring me
that stone,
that's all
you need
to do
So Dal-
masca
can rise
up
It isn't a
betrayal
Now,
just
a
little,
It's simple
You'll be
famous
Too easy,
for a Captain
of Dalmasca
Just nod
your
head,
that's
all you
need to
do

For Dalmasca's revival
Well?

You still haven't found the Captain!!
Still, still, still!!
W-what are you doiiing?!
Sir, it's late, we can't see anything!
That he would betray Dalm-asca
B-but, I still can't believe it.
Idiooot!!
Hmm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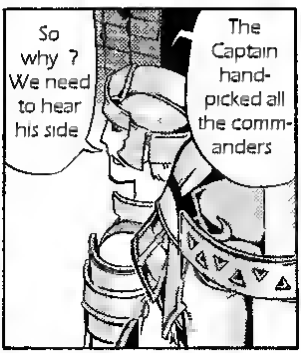
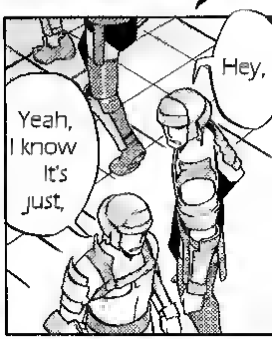
T-the truth is, he k-killed every-one!!
Every-one, every-one!!!

Gooo~!! Hurry and c-c-c-c-
catch
the C-Captain!!

We should prepare out-selves
If he is a traitor if we find him, we'll have to fight him


So why ? We need to hear his side
The Captain hand-picked all the comm-anders


Hey,
Yeah, I know it's just,

T-they finally went...
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Use-less.
They really are useless trash.
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せいっ
B-but,
If the C-Captain is caught like this, I-I-
くぴぴぴぴ
I can bring him to the Empire, and Lord Ghis will.
So that was it
Y—
You're—!!

Tricking the Captain, deceiving the Liberation, you spit on Dalmasca!
You demon-

You-
detes-
table
traitor!
Wh-
wh-
why?!
The
C-captain
sent you
away, you
should've
hated him
for it!
Idiot!!
One
person
Listen up,
Amadeo!

kept in reserve is an obvious move!!
Captain Azelas lost faith in Captain Ronsenburg during the last war
So for these two years he's carried suspicion in his heart, though it pained him!
Supporting the Captain
as he leads Dalmasca to a better place, that's our duty!
As for your turning traitor-
And our neglecting to realize it sooner, I blame myself!!

I just can't believe it!!
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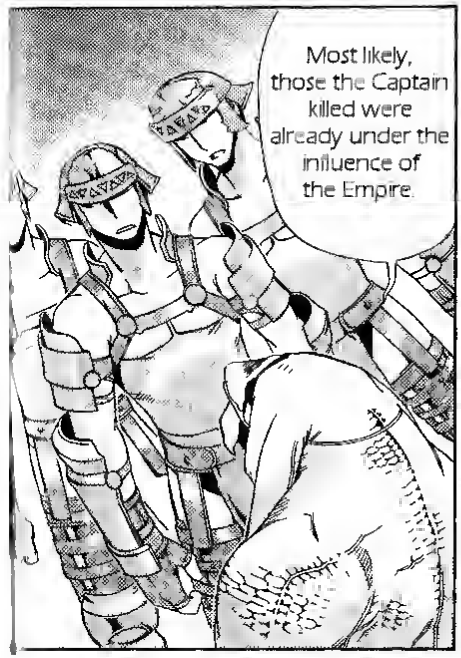
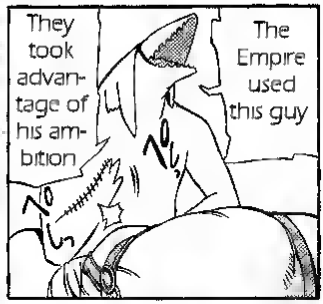
And you lot!!
Why?!
Did you think just doing as you were told would get your country back?!
Why didn't you trust in the Captain?!
Of the Captain, what have you seen, what have you felt?!

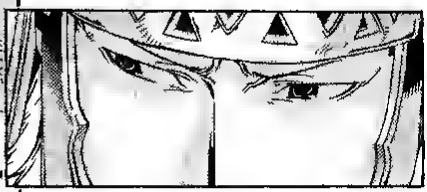

Most likely, those the Captain killed were already under the influence of the Empire.

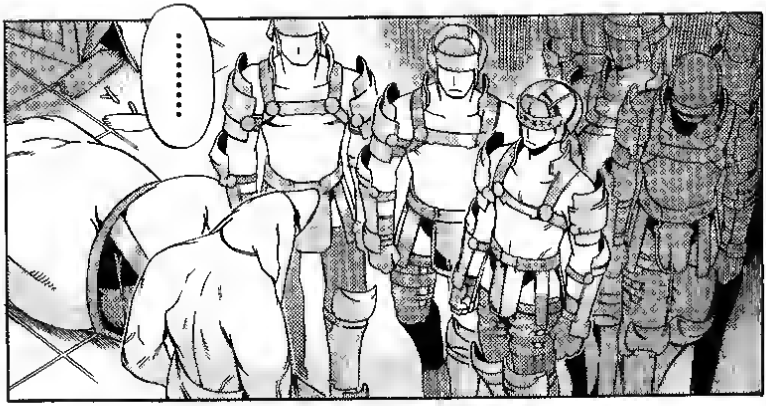
But, it's still a fact that the Captain killed all the other officers...
You still don't understand


The Empire used this guy
They took advantage of his ambition

I'm a higher rank, there's no reason I should have just gone along with his orders
The Captain is...

...I-
I'm ashamed of myself

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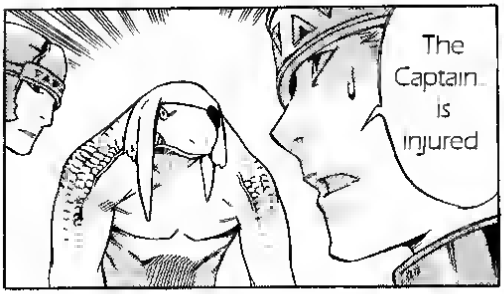
The Captain is injured

Alright, find those men still scattered, and reorganize into groups of ten
Everything will be fine----

We have to find him!
We don't have a moment to lose!
We'll need his power to revive Dalmasca, after all!

Is it alright to just let him go like this?
He refused our offer, didn't he?
There's no way the Captain would betray Dalmasca!
Eh?
Hmph. Fool. You have terrible eyes
Captain!

It's true I tried to buy him
He's an ideal. He just shakes his fist at me - but he certainly isn't stupid.
The Liberation is, in truth, just a dead shell
Captain!
In negotiation, the Empire will give any compromise, short of pulling out
Please wait a moment, I have news
Captain
They will never regain Dalmasca
He cannot do anything, he should understand that.
Did you see? His----

His eyes....
were full of determination.
They were the eyes of a warrior.
That man
He will come
For Dalmasca's sake, he will come Such an ironic story

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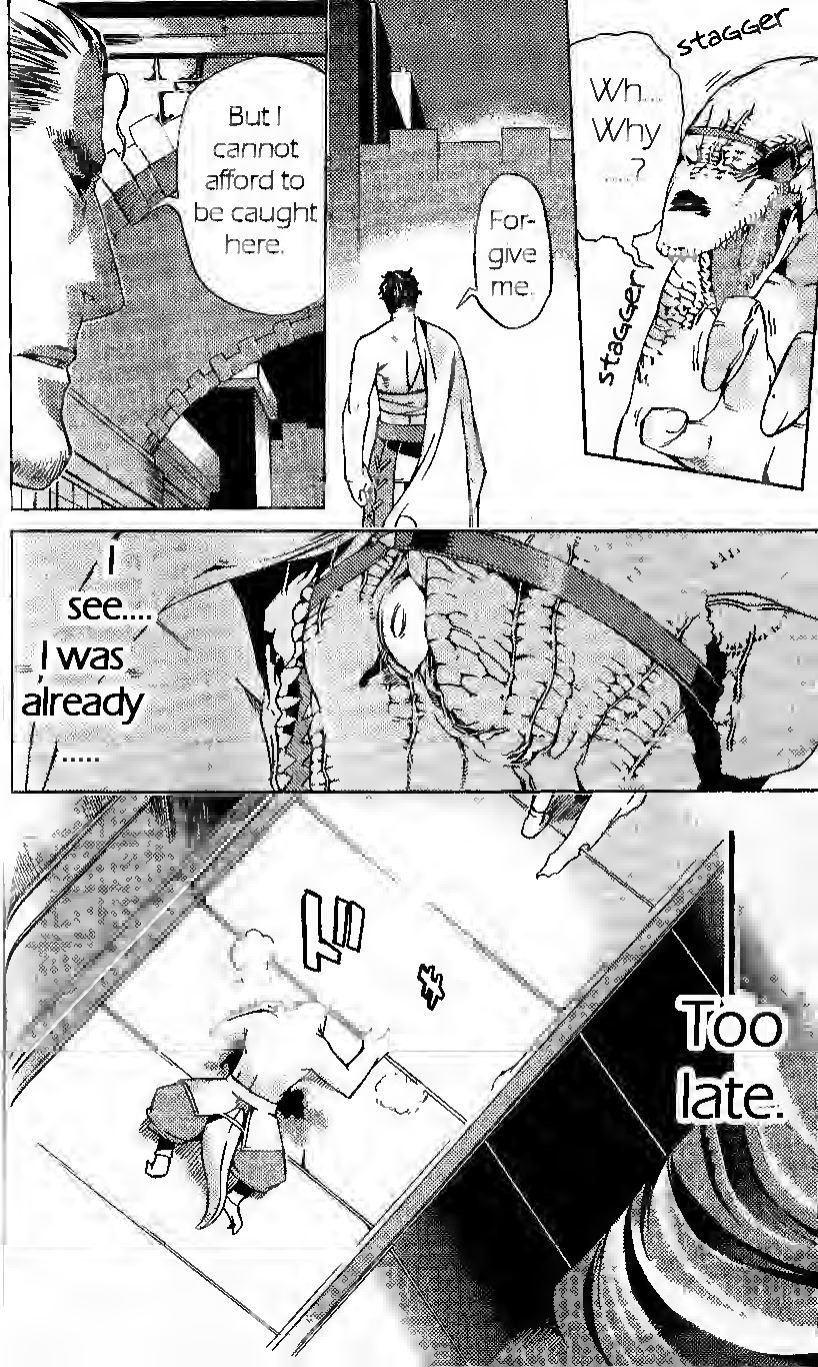

But I cannot afford to be caught here.
For-give me.
stagger
Wh... Why ....?
stagger
I see.... I was already .....
Too late.

I have to stop him-
I can't let him-
He's already an enemy of the Liberation
We'll have no where to go
To get our country back
There's no one who could take his place
Together with Captain Ronsenburg
He and Captain Ronsenburg both rose through the ranks so fast, if anyone can
Aaah Of course

If anyone can do it...

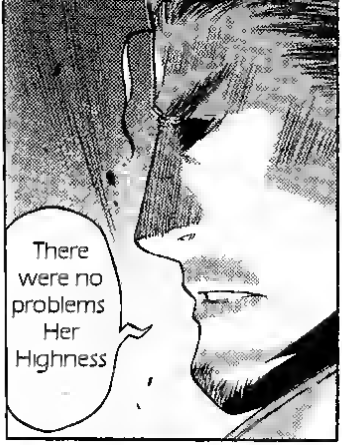
Whoa~

They drew oil up from underground, though they've long been abandoned.
?
It's huge!
Before Magicite and the invention of Glossair Rings, people used oil to produce electricity
E-electricity? Dalmasca did?
No, it was the Rozarrian Empire
It was a constant battle with Arcadia for supremacy

That's true Smaller nations must keep an eye on the moods of larger ones
Those two have destroyed a great many countries between them
Dalmasca, Nabradia Landis
.....
Vossler?!
What are you doing here?!
They've no choice.

I suppose you must have bought the pirate's help, am I right?
I returned to Bhujerba only to find you and Her Highness had vanished
I should be saying that.
Walk while you talk.
We're behind schedule as it is

Tomo-
rrow
is
Raith-
wall's
tomb,
is it?
It's my
first time
there,
as well
So, how
fares the
Liberation?


There were no problems Her Highness

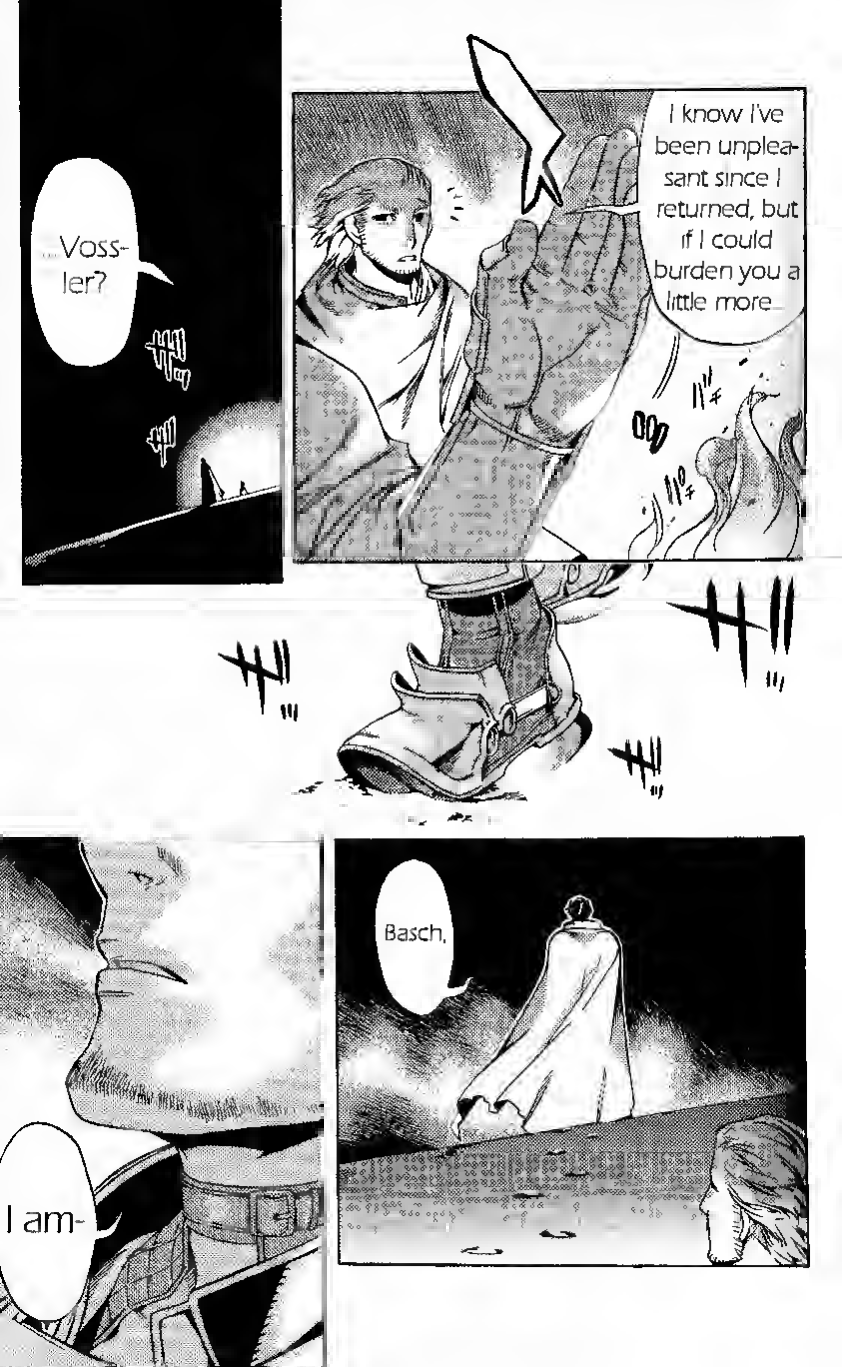
The Liber-ation

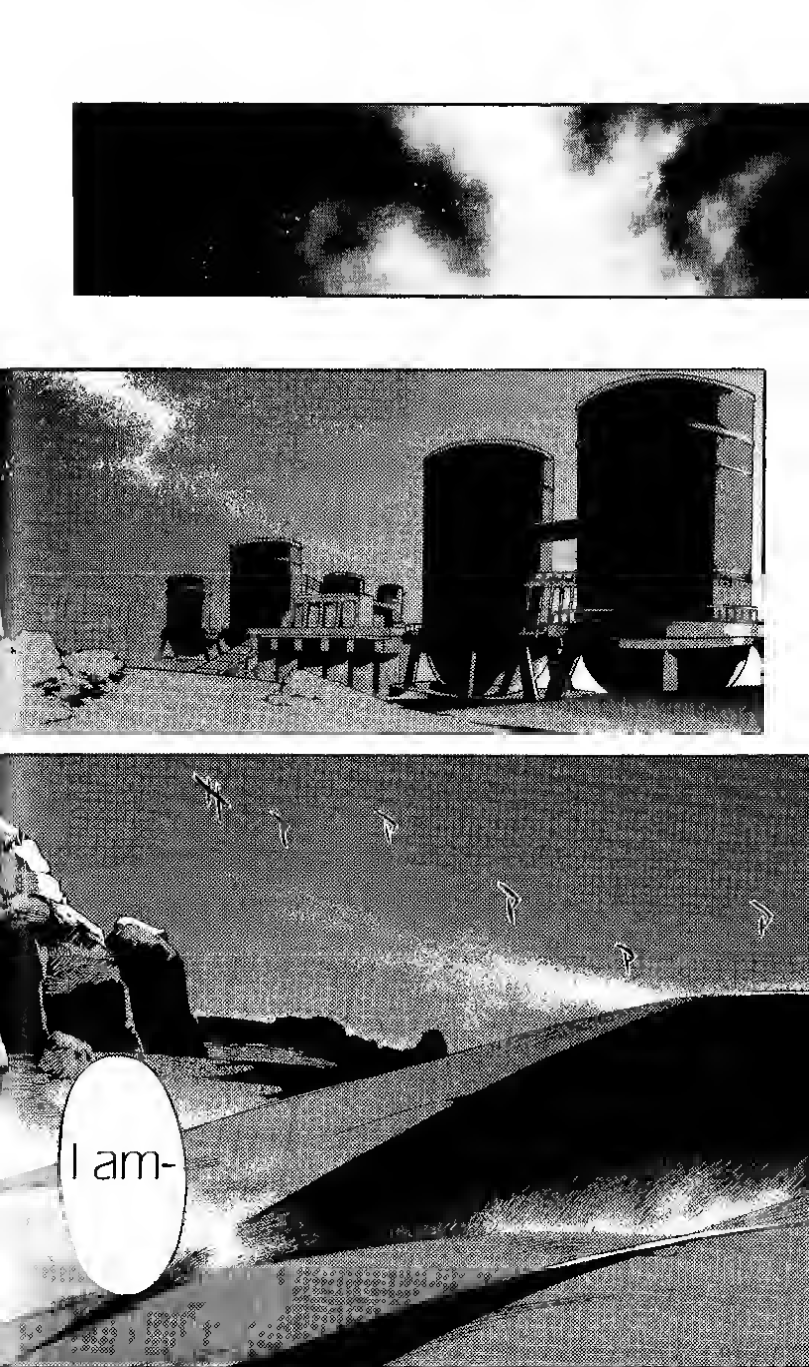
Even if she gets ahold of the Dawn Shard

It's quickly coming to the point where we can't work secretly anymore
We'll need the strength of the Liber-ation

First, we'll need to bring the Princess and the nobility safely together
We'll be busy after we retrieve it.

I know


...Voss-
ler?
I know I've been unpleasant since I returned, but if I could burden you a little more...
Basch.
I am-

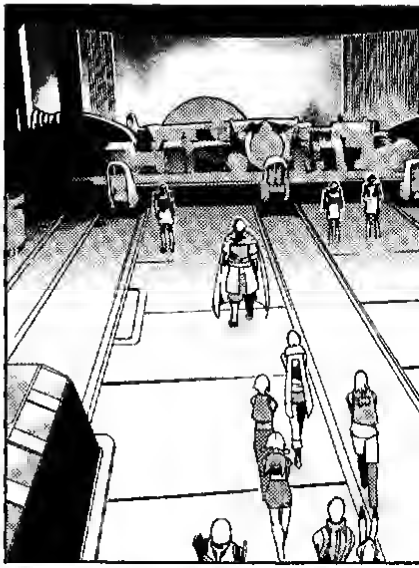

I am-

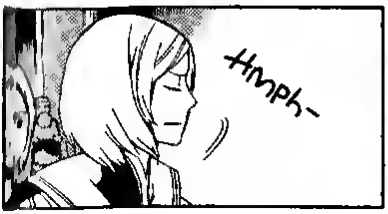
Chapter 19: The Course of the Dream
Lord Vayne
Judge Ghis has made his report
Yes, sir
Did he find that lost little girl?
Lady Ashe, her comp-anions,
As well as the stone

Good work Take a rest.
Yes, sir-
Together with Nabradia's Midlight Shard and Dalmasca's Dusk Shard
That's all three
The shard which bestows the right to rule
left behind by the Dynast King...
The Dawn Shard...

Every-
thing's
falling
into
place...
.....

Tell me, how was Raith-wall's tomb?
It's an honor to have you with us again, Your Highness.

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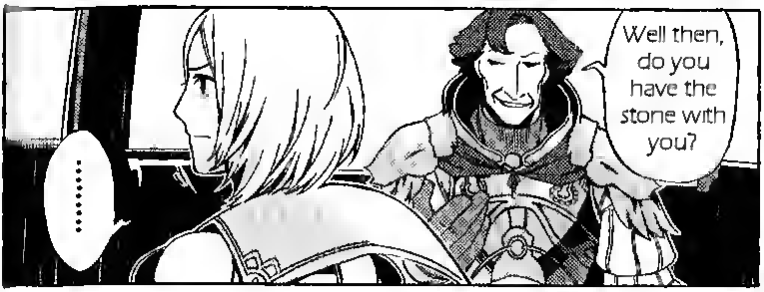
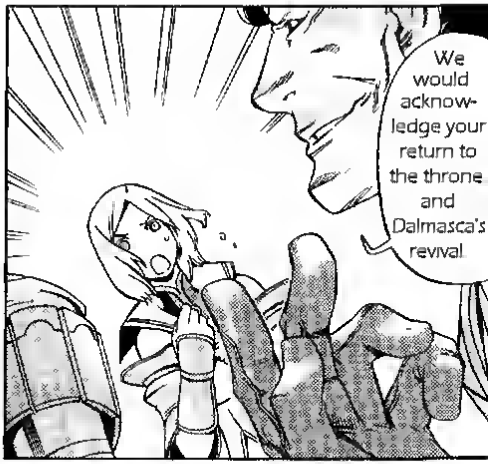

Well then, do you have the stone with you?
.....

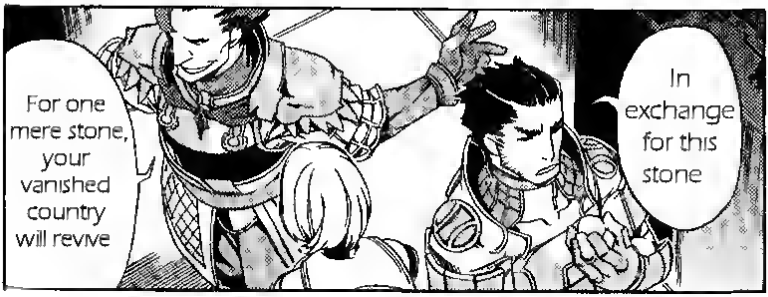
The stone-

I have no idea what you're referring to

Voss-
ler?
Is
here
What
are you
doing,
Vossler?!
That's
The
Empire
is not an
opponent
we can
win
against
We have
to see that
if we want
to save
Dalmasca
In
exchange
for the
Dawn
Shard...
Captain
Azelas
risked his
life for
this

Vayne has already signed the documents

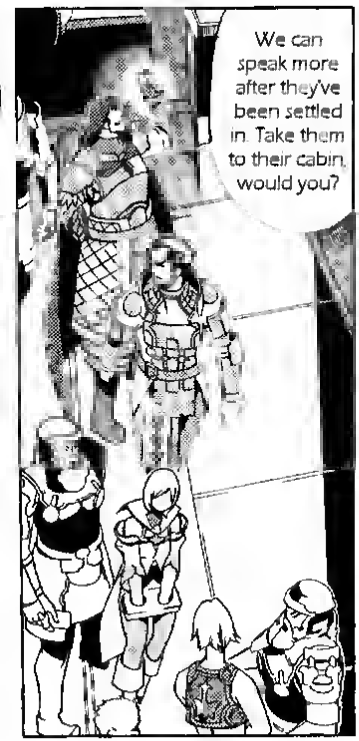

We would acknowledge your return to the throne and Dalmasca's revival


For one mere stone, your vanished country will revive
In exchange for this stone

And now—
It's a formality

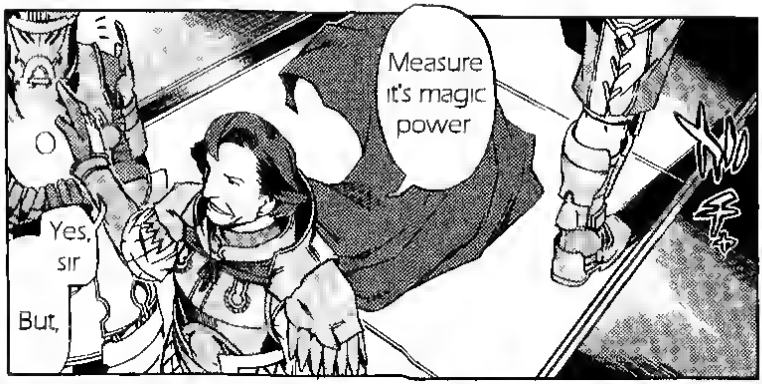
Vossler Could it be you're
Certainly, this is a valuble arifact, but Dalmasca has nothing else to trade It's worth it.

Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha
So I must thank you for going in our stead
You're filthy, burned, and look like you've lost years off your lifespan
In the beginning, you were to be treated as an vassal state, but...
How to put it...


We can speak more after they've been settled in. Take them to their cabin, would you?

This is a serious matter! Here's the stone, so be silent, Judge!!

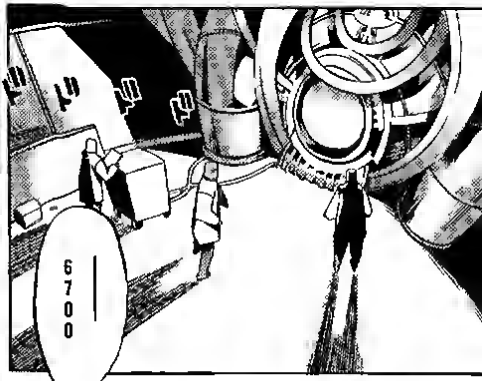
....Very well.


Measure it's magic power
Yes, sir
But,

Shouldn't we test its authenticity in advance?
Test it in the Sub-Reactor.
Of course, sir. We'll begin immediately

Weren't we ordered to take it directly back to the homeland?
You fool.

6800
6900...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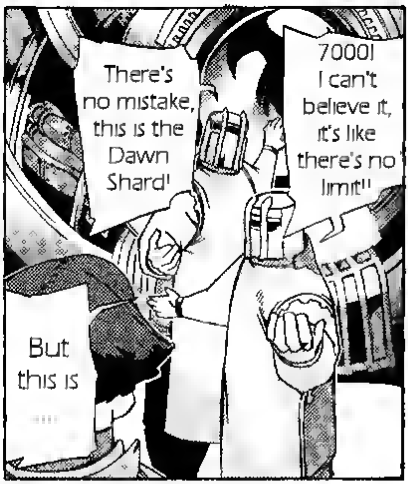
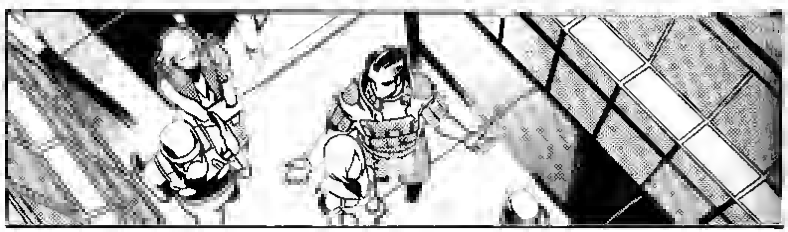
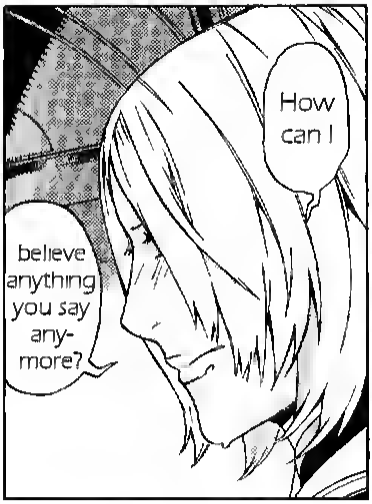
This little stone has more energy than a Class 3 Warship's energy stores No wonder they were searching so desperately for it
This must be the work of the Gods

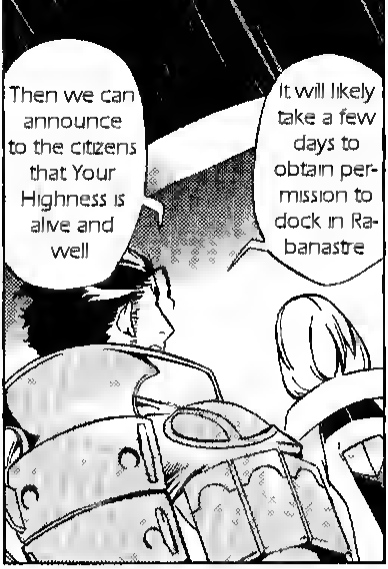
No

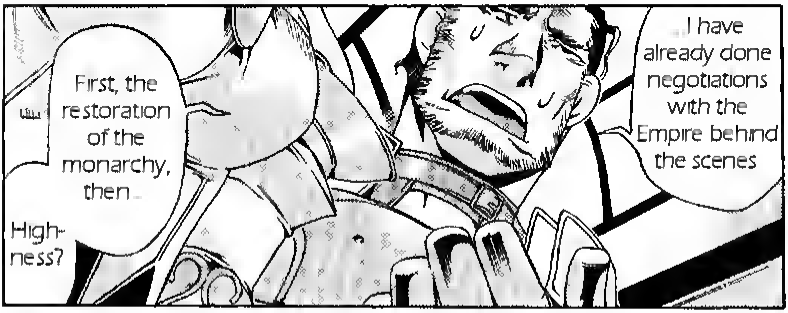

7000! I can't believe it, it's like there's no limit!!
There's no mistake, this is the Dawn Shard!
But this is

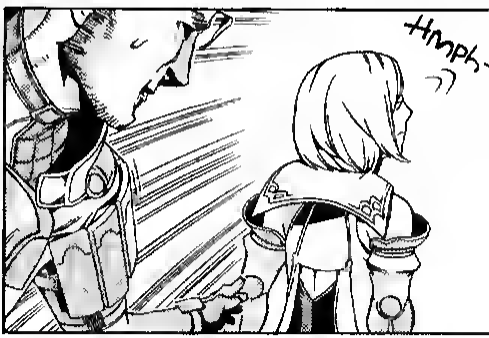
He who holds this could become a second Dynast King A miracle stone
If one had this, even if he was someone other than Vayne fufufu




How can I
believe anything you say anymore?


Then we can announce to the citizens that Your Highness is alive and well
It will likely take a few days to obtain permission to dock in Rabanastre

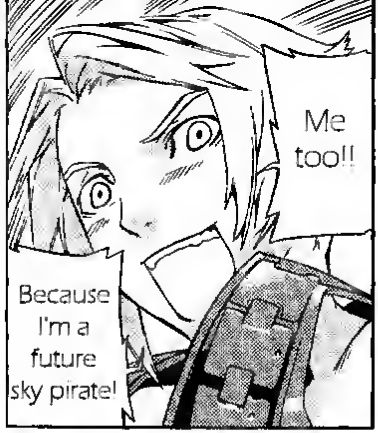

First, the restoration of the monarchy, then...
High-ness?
...I have already done negotiations with the Empire behind the scenes


Hmph-

Everything I did was for our country Even now, I only wish to support you
.....

Hot.
Oi, what do you think you're doing?
Eh?

The mist...
is burning!!
Uh. Uunh..
What's the matter with her?
Grab her!!
My partner isn't the type to enjoy bondage, you see
Oh, pardon me


Me too!!
Because I'm a future sky pirate!

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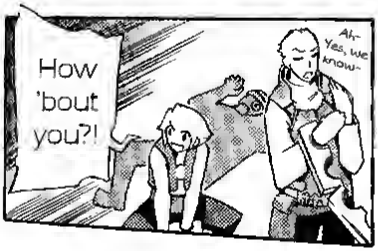
How 'bout you?!
Ah- Yes, we know-

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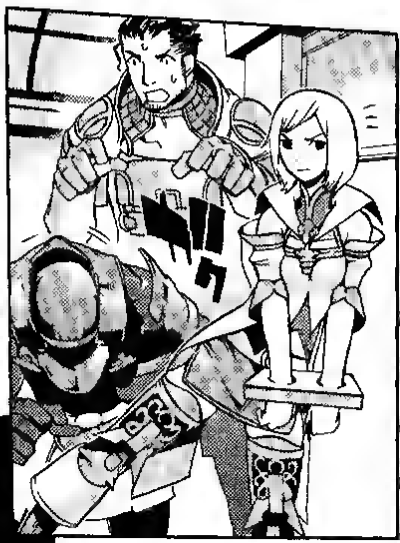
Don't lump me in with you lot.


!!

Your Highness, I cannot. I cannot allow you to go further than this
If you do, the future of Dalmasca will suffer!!
If you intend to, no matter what
Then I, Vossler, will have no choice but to use my full strength against you!

No, Your Highness, you mustn't stop here
Go on ahead!!
Basch
.....
Basch!! Why?!
You should be able to see the truth...
So why-?!
It's because I see it—!

That I fight!!
We're getting out of here!
Find the hanger bay!
Basch!!
Vossler!
Don't bother, there's no stopping them!
Stop right there!

If you don't,
You'll find out first-hand what the Imperial Musketeer Corps is capable of!
You all.....
If you Imp-erials hadn't
Fire!!
F-

!?
Th... the bullets, in mid-air...!!
Th-
They melted!
I refuse to run or hide any longer
This thought has been burning inside of me
I will—

destroy my enemies
in flames!!
ズドドド

I-It's a monster!!
H-h-hey! The floor! The floor is melting!
She summoned that thing we fought in the tomb?!
It seems the stone isn't the only thing the Dynast King left his descendants!
But this is

This is very bad.
I won't leave a single one of you alive!!
Burn to ash in Hellfire!!
Listen well, Basch!
Her Highness may resent me for it.
I may be reviled for it.
But,
Even so,
It was all for justice for Dalmasca!

You should understand my determination!!
But if I must,
Even if it's just for a time,
I, for Dalmasca—
Basch!
I will be your opponent!
My blade—
will not waver!!

Ah!!

..Vossler,
You're wrong Doing things this way

Kuh

Ba-
I can't dodge
won't change anything!
Basch fon Ronsenburg!!
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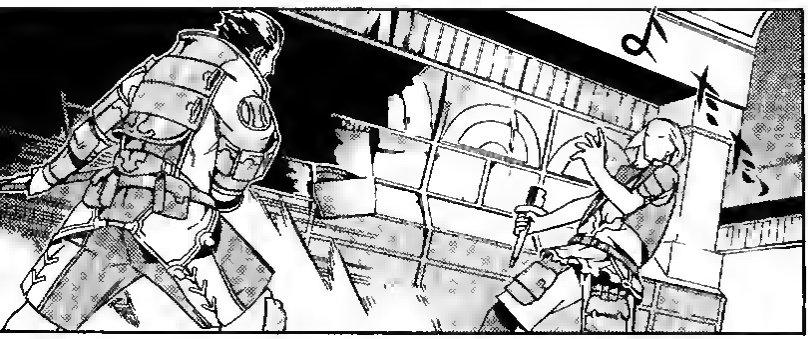
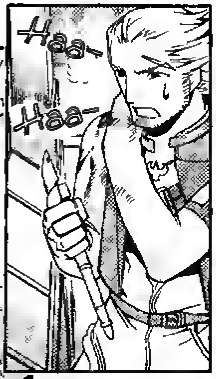
He returned the damage?!
Balance!!
Obviously, I sensed the danger, and so returned the damage!
However-



He called my name... It must be a necessary part for the magic to take hold
Balance... It's a trouble-some magic.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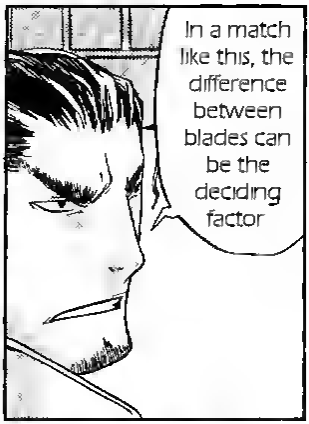
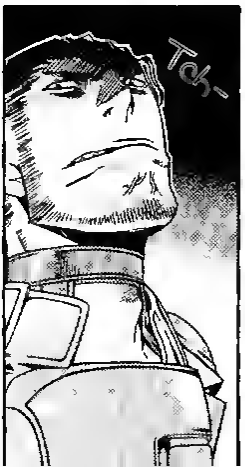
Haa-


In a match like this, the difference between blades can be the deciding factor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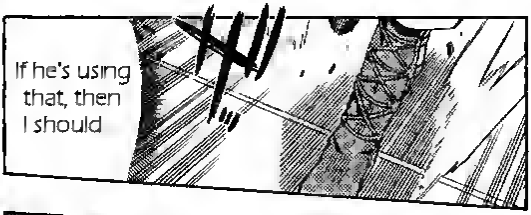
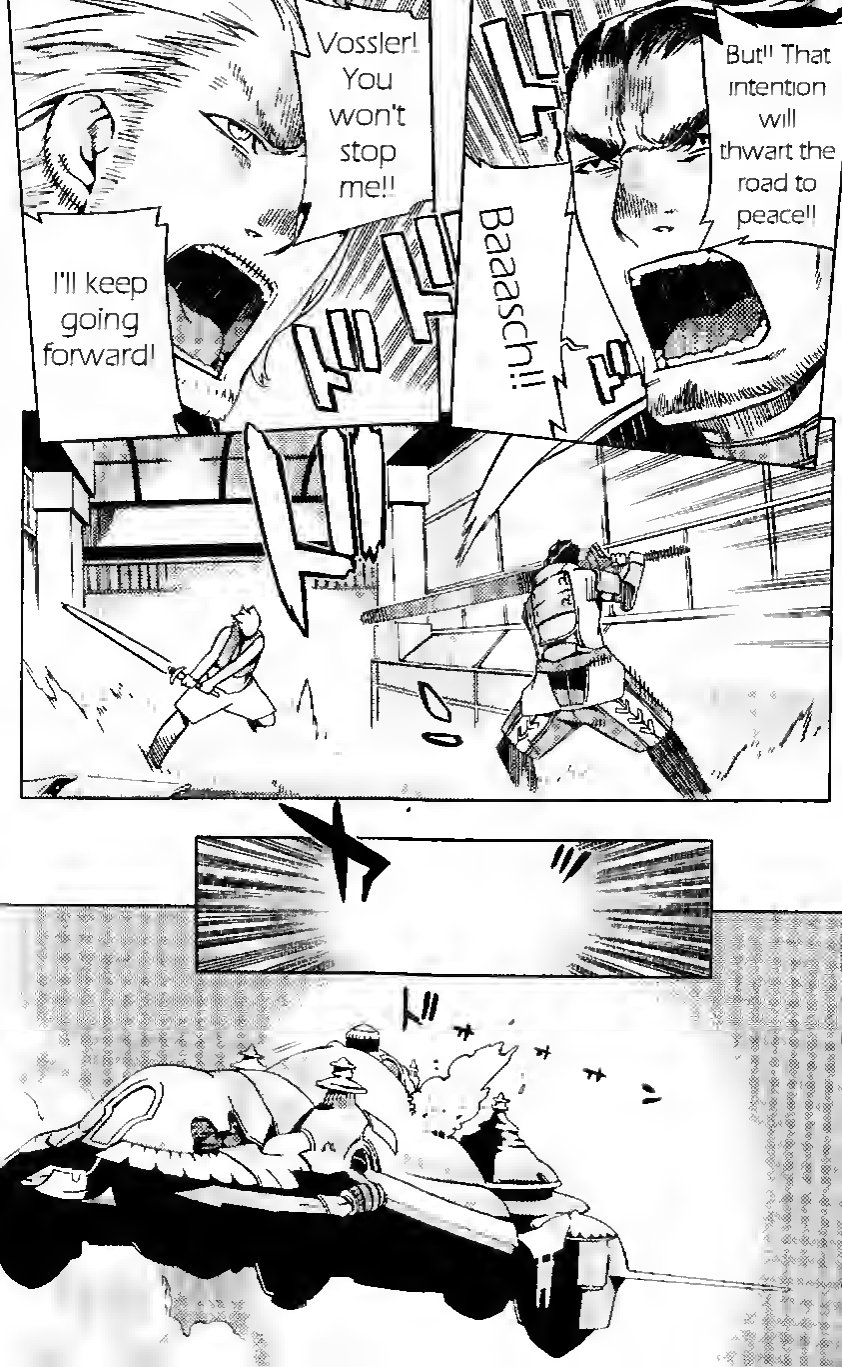

If he's using that, then I should

Trying to play for time, Basch? How unsightly!
Dalmasca will never return!!
Even if you can't see a way out, continue struggling with your broken sword!!
You've become a coward in these two years!
If you're like this

Wrong
You're wrong, Vossler
What?
My sword
isn't broken!!

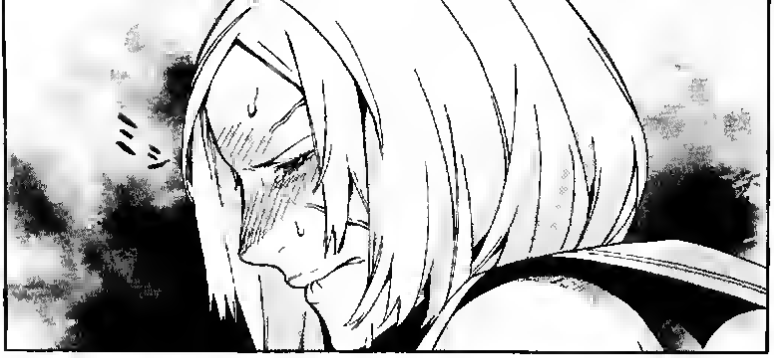
These two years...
Impossible! I was sure...
But I just saw it, there!!
It should have been broken
These two years since Dalmasca was destroyed...
It was lonely, in that prison. I though I would choke down in that darkness...
—But even then, I never!
ゴゴゴ

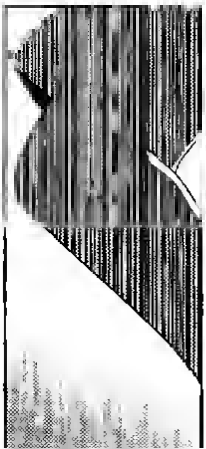
My Sword of Conviction
Will never break!!
THOOO
THOOO
THOOO
Sword...
Sword of Convi-ction?
Impossible! It cannot be
He used a visual-ization to craft a sword out of mist He just needed time!!
His heart won't waver
He still has fight in him He intends to keep fighting


Vossler! You won't stop me!!
But!! That intention will thwart the road to peace!!
I'll keep going forward!
Baaasch!!

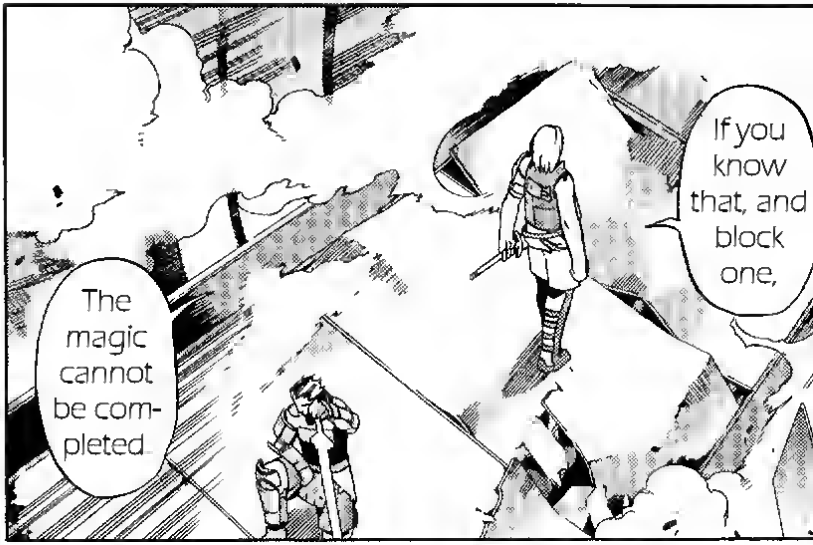
After it shorted the glossair rings it started draining the main power!
It's the Nethcite! Unbelievable! This is completely unlike regular Magicite's reaction!
What was that explosion just now?!
There's been an abnormal reaction in the Sub-reactor core!!
Engine output is falling!!
Stop it!! Stop it now!!
We're trying, but...
あわわ
It's going to blow!! We've got to abandon ship!!
It's a cascading failure!!
We can't eject the Sub-core! The main, either!!
Eh?
If you want out, take off your uniform and jump!
But...
Silence, you fool! I don't tolerate incompetance in my fleet!!

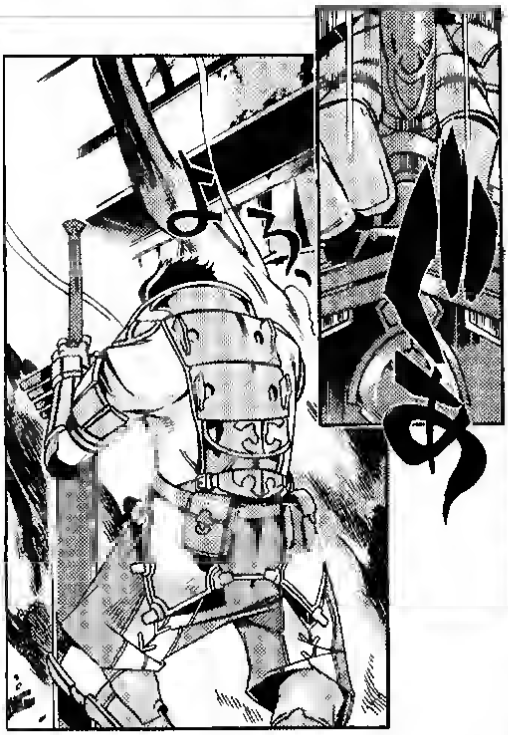
Ah
Haah
Uuh
Haah
Ah
Haah
Uh



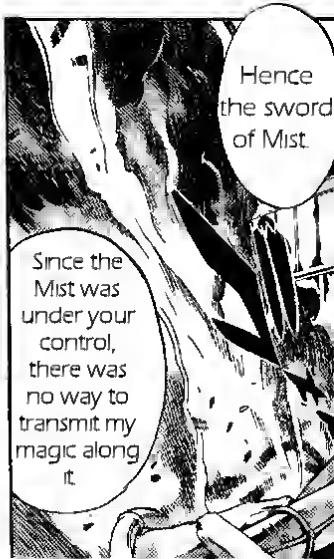


Why
Why didn't Balance work?
You must recite the name of the target, and
Be in contact with them with something like a weapon
In the end—
As far as I know, to cast Balance
Two conditions must be met

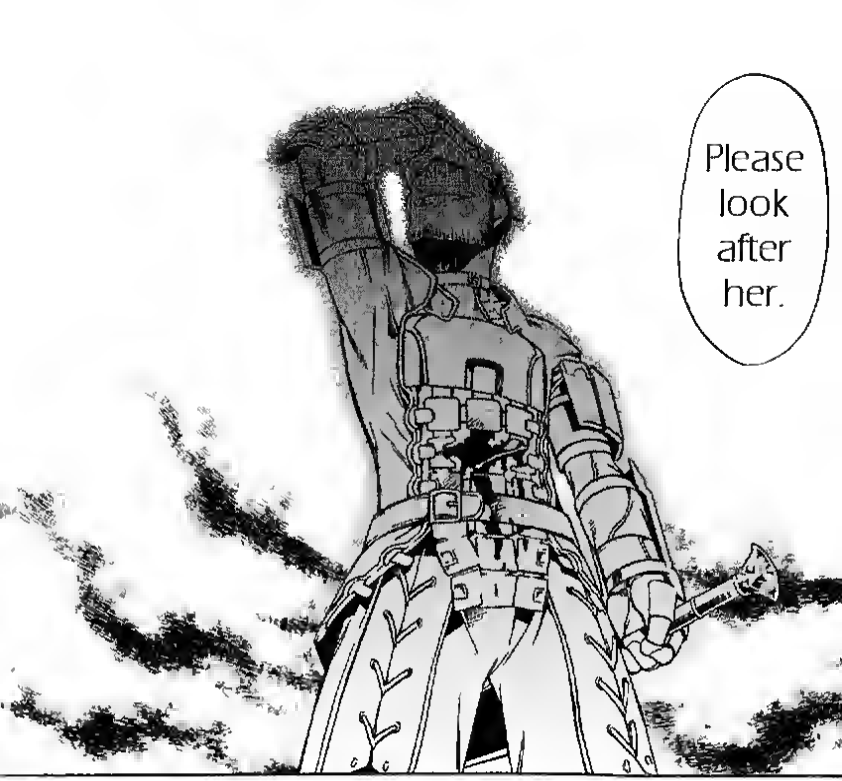

If you know that, and block one,
The magic cannot be completed.

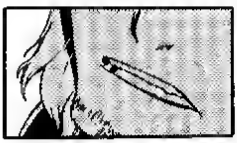


...I see.


Hence the sword of Mist.
Since the Mist was under your control, there was no way to transmit my magic along it.

I'd grown tired of fighting
How did it come to this ?
Perhaps I was too impatient
Or perhaps the hour of your return came too late
Her Highness
Basch, I'm trusting you.
Vossler...
Hah!


Please look after her.



-We're still....

It's your victory Go
I don't want you to see me like this

I've betrayed her. I can't serve her anymore. Damnit.

We're still brothers in arms
My friend

Yes–

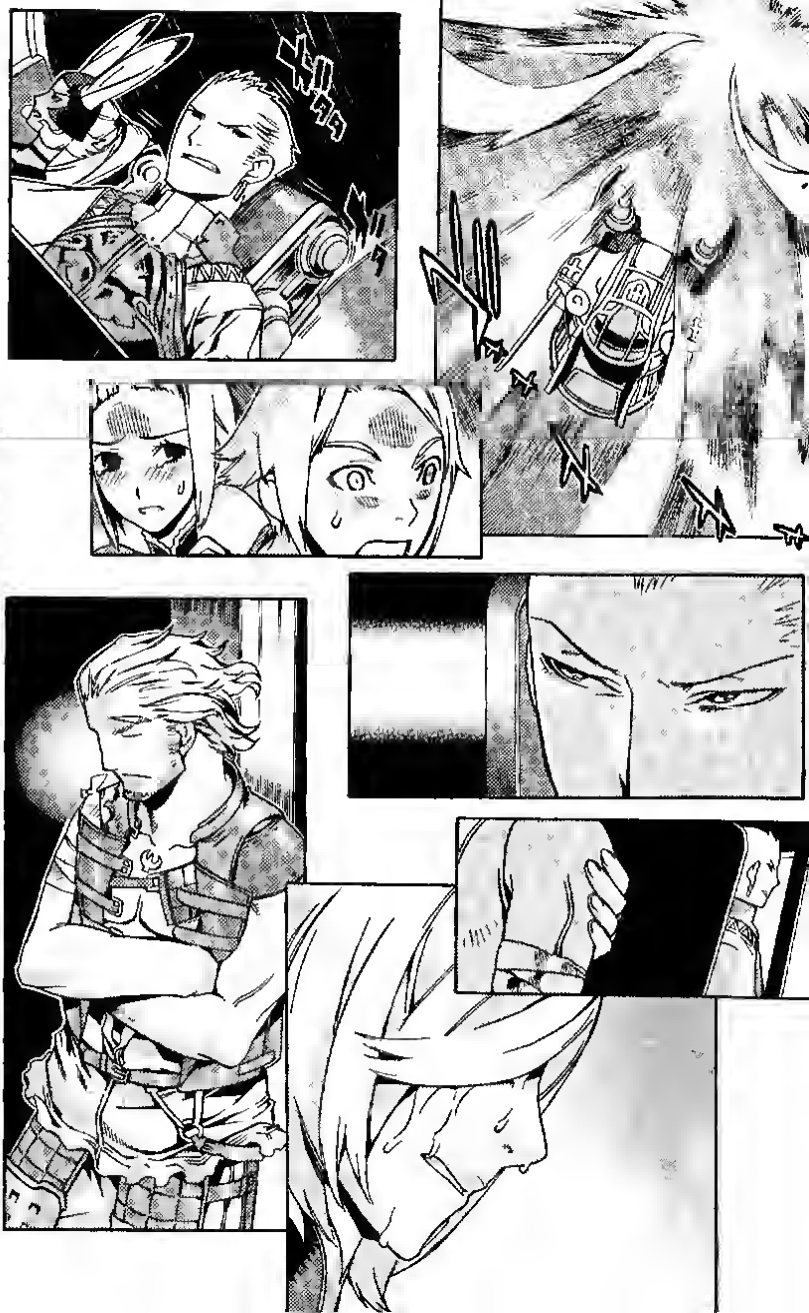
When we meet again, let it be back on Ivalician soil
Basch—
Her Highness is
She is.
still very young

She's too delicate to hold a kingship
As it is
She is too soft-hearted to walk the path of military rule
Basch
She may be crushed by the weight of her mission
My duty was to support her
And so—

I'm one of the elite... I'm one of the ruling class!
I'm Judge Magister Ghis!! The Leviathan will never fall!!
Not yet, not yet
I won't become a laughingstock, not like this
Haa
Haa
For me to end in a place like this...
This...

You.... You bastard!
Were you lonely, all by yourself?
Good timing I was just looking for someone to travel with
We'll all go back
And so some-day,

In that strong sun that will dazzle my eyes
Yellow sand on a dry wind
The bustle of the bazaar
The old man dozing on a street corner
Children singing, the voice of their mother
I always wanted
for Dalmasca to go back
to that boring sort of peace
For Dalmasca



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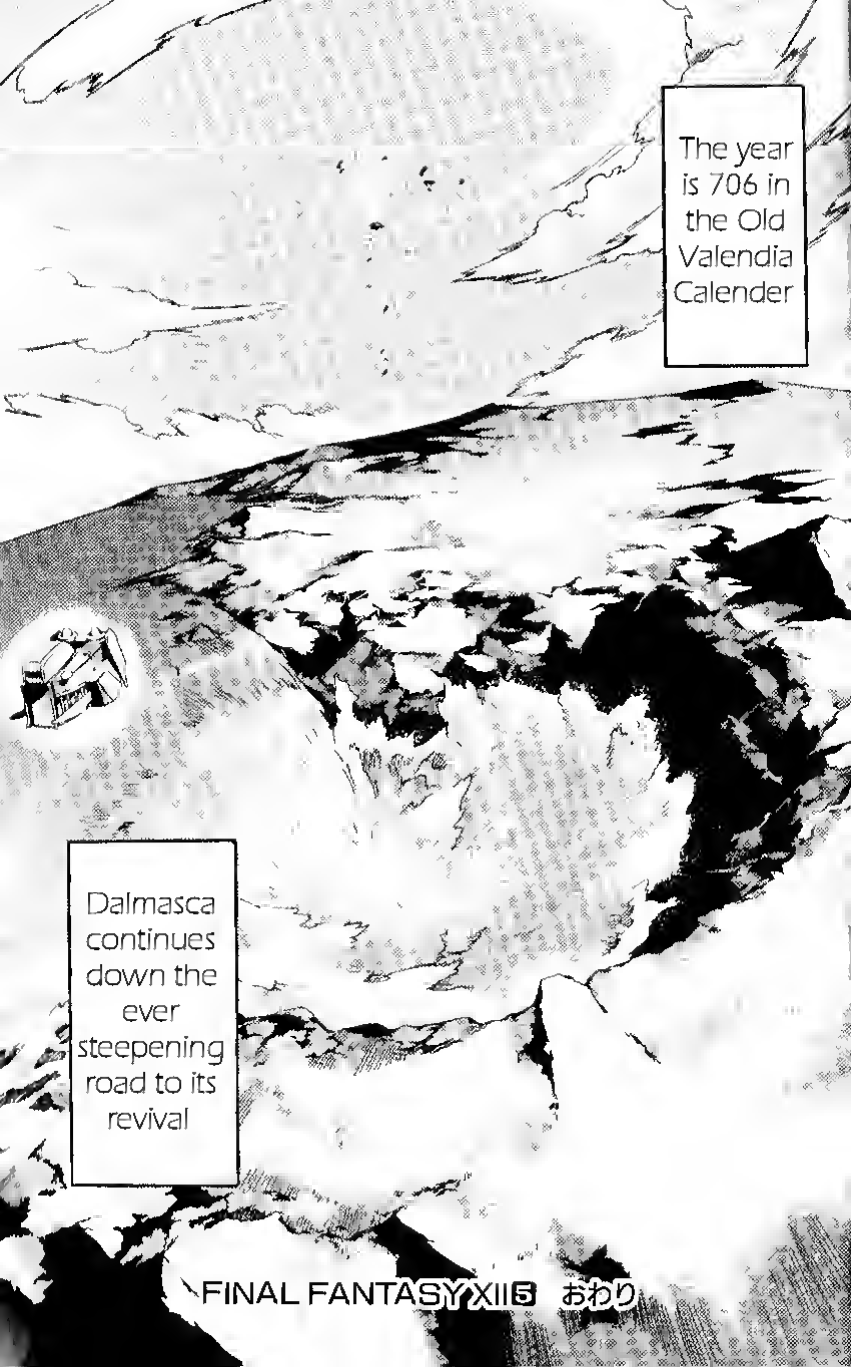
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